

# DAWA TRAILS

## LTBB AND WINGS OF WONDER RELEASE BALD EAGLE RESCUED BY THE NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT



By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

Witnessing the majestic bird complete its journey of healing and return to the wild was an unforgettable experience.

Approximately 200 people attended the release of a female bald eagle by the Natural Resource Department (NRD) and the Wings of Wonder on February 3, 2012 at the LTBB Pow Wow Grounds in Harbor Springs, MI. The event drew local television stations and newspapers, amateur photographers and people from both the Native and non-Native communities.

“Our guys (Natural Resource Department employees) deal

with eagles all the time, but this is unique to be able to share this project with the tribal community and the public,” Natural Resource Director Doug Craven said. “It was awesome to be able to share this with so many people. This type of work is part of our department’s work plan and our eagle management plan.

“We’ve rescued four or five eagles, but this is the first time we’ve successfully released one. The others have all died.”

It was a collaborative effort between NRD, the Wings of Wonder, a non-profit raptor sanctuary located in Empire, MI, and Veterinarian Dr. Pamela Graves of Jensen’s Animal Hospital in Petoskey, MI.

The Natural Resource Department rescued the bald eagle on private property northwest of Pellston, MI, on January 26, 2012, immediately took it to Jensen’s Animal Hospital and Dr. Graves for treatment where it stayed overnight before being transported to the Wings of Wonder sanctuary on January 27, 2012 for rehabilitation. NRD transports all of its rescued animals to Dr. Graves at Jensen’s Animal Hospital because Dr. Graves performs a first examination free of charge.

“The eagle ate poisoned horse meat which had been put out illegally as bait for coyotes,” Wings of Wonder Founder and Director Rebecca Lessard said. “If it hadn’t been rescued when it was and treated by Dr. Graves immediately, it would have died by the next morning because of the toxic substances it had ingested. She recovered quickly.

“She’s a high energy bird and is very aggressive. She was extremely ready to go back into the wild.”

Sergeant Mike Givens of the Law Enforcement Department



M. Chris Leese

heard transmissions on the county radio about the bald eagle and alerted NRD. Conservation Officer Mike McCreery and Inland Fisheries Biologist Max Field went to investigate.

“It was sitting in the field and hopping around,” Craven said. “It flew up into the sky about six feet and when it landed, the guys were able to capture it. It had been gorging itself on dead horse

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## WAABSHKI-MIIGWAN DRUG COURT PROGRAM’S FIRST GRADUATE ENCOURAGES OTHERS TO WALK THE RED ROAD OF SOBRIETY

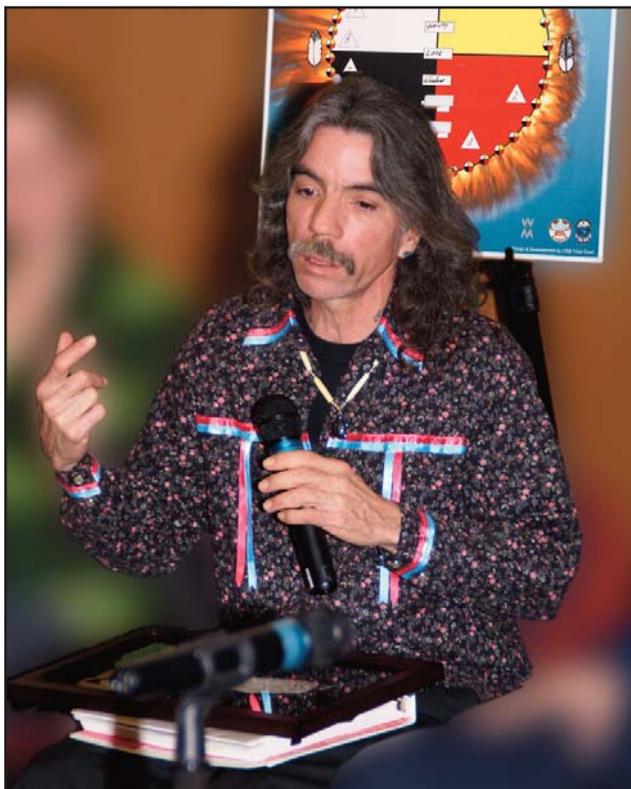
By Annette VanDeCar, Communications Coordinator

As the first graduate of the Waabshki-Miigwan Drug Court Program, LTBB Tribal Citizen Will Rhymes hopes his journey to sobriety inspires others in the tribal community to overcome alcohol and drug abuse.

“In the program, we do an exercise of starting a fire with flint,” Rhymes said. “It’s a metaphor for sparking hope in each of us as human beings. I wanted to succeed and show people it can be done. Hopefully, people see me and say, ‘I can do it, too.’ I’m extremely proud to be the first graduate, but I know my journey doesn’t end here. I have to work hard to maintain that fire.”

Court Administrator Bernadece Kiogima, a member of the Waabshki-Miigwan Drug Court team, encouraged Rhymes to be a “role model for his people.”

“Let him start the fire and let it spread to the rest of the com-



munity,” Kiogima said. “He can be that spark.”

Adult Probation Officer/Odawa Adult Healing to Wellness Coordinator Joe Lucier said he felt an overwhelming sense of pride and gratitude for all of Rhymes’ accomplishments while in the program.

“He didn’t just go through the motions, he went above and beyond every single week,” Lucier said. “I see a new person, one with hope and a purpose. All of us on the drug court team are extremely proud of him and his accomplishments.”

Rhymes said he was a binge drinker on the weekends, but he had maintained 6-1/2 years of sobriety at one point.

“I had gotten away from that spirituality, and I spiraled out of control,” he said. “I failed to look in here (pointing at his heart) before. This program changed my perspective. I started to look inside and apply everything they were teaching me.

“The thing that helped me be successful was it was a tribal program with a culturally-based curriculum. They put it in the context of the circle. You can break the circle, but you can also put it back together. It changed the way I looked at things.”

Rhymes had been a company driver for 10 years, driving an 18-wheeler, but had received an OWI (operating while intoxicated) which resulted in him losing his driver’s license and his job. That led him to the Emmet County 90th District Court

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## Being Odawa is all about Freedom

The freedom to be a part of a people, who with integrity and pride, still have and speak our language. The freedom in common with all other Odawak the customs, culture and spirituality of our ancestors. The freedom we have today we will bring to the future through unity, education, justice, communication and planning. We will reach out to the next seven generations by holding to cultural values of Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth. We will utilize our tribal assets to provide the necessary tools to become successful, hard-working community members who proudly represent our culture. With these values we will move the tribe forward.

### Anishinaabemowin Interpretation of the LTBB Mission Statement

Dbendiziwin aawan maanda Odawa aaw'ing. Geyaabi gdaa'aana miinawa gda'nwemi. Anishnaabemowin, maanda egishkaago'ing dbendiziwin ebidgwasiing mnaadendiziwin miinwa wiimnaadendiziwin. Gdabendaanaa dbendiziwin kina gwaya Odawak nasaap eyaamjik, maanda naaknewinan, maadiziwin miinwa mnidoowaadziwin gaanaaniigaaniijik debendamowaad. Maanda dbendiziwin eyaamiing nangwa, gaanaamaajidona niigaan ezhi bezhigoyiing, kinomaadwin, dbakinigewin, giigidowin miinwa naakinigewin. Gaazhiibiignaketaanaa maanda niizhwaachiing bimaadziwin waabi'aamigak mjignamiing ninda mnomaadziwinan echipiitendaakin: nbwaakaawin, zaagidwin, mnaadendmowin, aakde'ewin, gwekwaadziwin, dbaadendiziwin miinwa debwewin. Ganakaazinaa ninda gdabendaaswinaanin, jimiigwe'ing nakaazwinan jimnomewzi'ing, enitaanokijik maampii Anishiabek enaapshkaamwaad maanda gbimaadziwinaa. Ninda eyaamiing echipiitendaakin, miigo kina gwaya maampii enjibaad jiniigaanibizad.

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The Communications Department welcomes submissions for our "Lines From Our Membership" section of the newsletter, but we cannot run anything political in nature or expressing an opinion due to a long-standing department policy. Because we have a newsletter and not a newspaper, we do not have an editorial page. We reserve the right to edit any material submitted for space and content.

The deadline for the April 2012 issue of *Odawa Trails* is February 27, 2012.

You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in to newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov, fax them to 231-242-1430 or call them in at 231-242-1427 or 231-242-1429. Please only call in your submissions if they are short. We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas.

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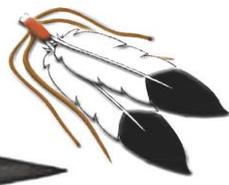
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# DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



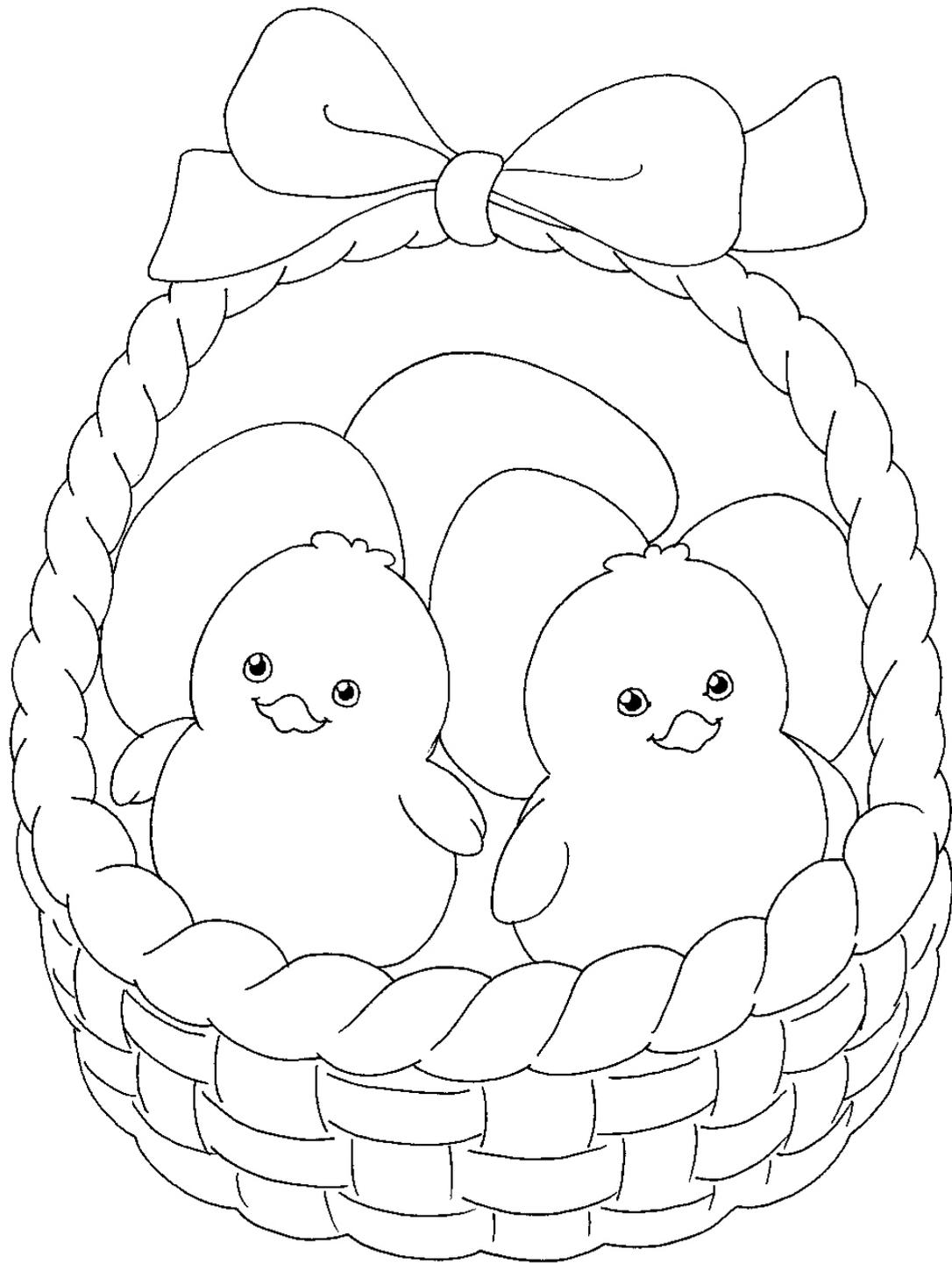
## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

KIDS! DECORATE THE EASTER BASKET AND YOU COULD WIN A \$20 Toys"R"US GIFT CARD!

### Easter Basket Decorating Contest rules

- You may use colored pencils, crayons, markers, paint, and glitter on the picture.
  - Entries can only be submitted by snail mail or dropped off at the LTBB Governmental Center (address below). No exceptions!
  - All entries must be the original size.
  - All mailed entries must be postmarked by April 9, 2012. No exceptions!
  - Limit one submission per child.
  - Open to LTBB Community Citizens.
  - **Age categories are 3-7 and 8-12.**
- Submissions judged by Communications/Odawa Trails staff with three winners being selected in each age category.

Mailing Address:  
**Easter Basket Decorating Contest**  
**Attn: LTBB Communications Department**  
**7500 Odawa Circle**  
**Harbor Springs, MI 49740**



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 Be Above The Influence

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### MEET HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT CHRISSE YUHN

LTBB Tribal Citizen Chrissy Yuhn started as the Administrative Assistant in the Human Services Department on January 16, 2012.

Prior to accepting her current position, she worked as a temporary worker in the Housing Department and the Department of Commerce from April 2009 to September 2009 and attended North Central Michigan College (NCMC) in Petoskey, MI, full-time. She is pursuing her Associates degree in Office Administration at NCMC and was on NCMC's Scholars List for 2011. She earned an Entrepreneurship Essentials certificate through the Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program (WOCTEP) in 2011. She is a Petoskey High School graduate.

"I've wanted to work in this department (Human Services) for two

years because I love to help people," said Yuhn, who grew up in Livonia, MI, and Petoskey, MI. "I've had a lot of struggles in my life that I've overcome. I understand what people are



going through because I've been there. I find working in this department fulfilling.

"I look forward to the future being in this position. I want to thank the Human Services Department for

having me. I think we are all going to make a great team, and I am very thankful to be here!"

She has two daughters, Abbie, 9, and Madison, 8, and her boyfriend, Joe Whyte, has a daughter Samantha, 17, and a son, Brenden, 15. Her mother, LTBB Tribal Citizen Michele LaCount, is the Legislative Office Manager, and her sister, LTBB Tribal Citizen Liz Rice, is the Recruiting Specialist at Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI. She also has a brother, John Murner, and a sister, Jen Yuhn, who are both LTBB Tribal Citizens. Her grandparents are Suzanne and the late Don Portman, Sr. She enjoys hunting, snowmobiling, kayaking, mushroom hunting and spending time with her family.

Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.

## MICHIGAN INDIAN LAND CLAIMS SETTLEMENT CERTIFICATE REDEMPTION UPDATE

Submitted by the Trust Fund Board

It has been more than a decade since the original Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement certificates were issued.

All adults have been paid or they have deferred payment to a later date, however, tribal children who were enrolled before December 16, 1997 but had not yet turned 18 are still in the process of redeeming their certificates.

The following steps are intended to aid in this process. Redeeming certificates from the Michigan Indian Land Claims Settlement Act, Public Law 105-143, are as follows:

1. Determine your eligibility: Tribal citizens who were enrolled, but had not reached the age of 18 on December 16, 1997 are eligible to redeem their certificates upon reaching the age of 18.
2. Sign your certificates with a notary: The tribal citizen redeeming his or her certificates must have a notarized signature.
3. Copy two pieces of identification: One piece of identification (e.g. Driver's license) must have a picture, and the second piece needs at least your signature.
4. Mail your signed certificates, the mailing address you would like your check sent to and two pieces of identification to the following address

Note: The address on the certificates is not correct:  
 LTBB Trust Fund Board  
 7500 Odawa Circle  
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
 If you have lost your certificates or need further assistance, call Trust Fund Board Member Steve Schmidt at 734-717-4406.



# ELDERS PROGRAM

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOOD AND UTILITY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Aanii Tribal Elder,

This notice is to provide you with information about the Food and Utility Reimbursement program. An Elder is defined as 55 years of age or older by December 31, 2012. If *all* requested documents are turned in to the Elders Program by the deadline, you may be able to receive a check up to \$400. The deadline to submit your application and receipts is December 31, 2012. Please read this notice all the way through before sending receipts.

**Step One.** Application materials:

1. Fill out 2012 application included with this letter.
2. Send in 2012 grocery receipts adding up to \$200.

*items allowed:* groceries, household supplies

*items not allowed:* pet supplies, tobacco products or alcohol.

3. Send in 2012 utility bills adding up to \$200.

*utility bills allowed;* heating, electric, water, and trash removal  
*utility bills not allowed;* cell phone, cable, satellite, Internet

4. **Hand written receipts, cancelled checks or money order receipts will NOT be accepted.**

**Step two:** How to complete application:

1. Complete and sign the application.
2. Double check your 2012 grocery receipts add up to \$200.
3. Double check your 2012 utility bills add up to \$200.
4. Mail to above address or drop off at

the office.

**Step three:** How your application is processed:

*\* Please note this process takes about two weeks.*

1. When we receive your application, it is stamped with the date it arrives.
2. We review the application to make sure it's complete with signature and add up the grocery receipts and utility receipts.
3. If application and receipts are complete, a check request will be submitted to LTBB Accounting Department.
4. LTBB Accounting Department will mail your check.

Miigwech,  
Kathy McGraw , Elder Outreach Assistant 231-242-1423

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Elders Program  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
Ph: 231-242-1423**

### Food & Utility Reimbursement Application

January 26, 2012



Please print the following information:

**Tribal Enrollment Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please remember to include original utility & grocery receipts for current calendar year**

**For office use only, please do not write in this section.**

**Utility Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grocery Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

## GRANTS & DONATIONS PROGRAM

Small grants are available for tribal citizens and tribal community groups for events. Donations are available for both Native and non-Native organizations. If you would like an application, please contact Melissa Wiatrolik at 231-242-1420. The deadline for submitting an application is March 30, 2012. Please note that the Grants and Donations program is NOT intended for small business purposes.

## In Need of A Ride?



**Medical Transportation**  
Is available to tribal households who have no alternate means of transport. For LTBB household members residing in the LTBB service delivery area. For medical appointments/purposes only. Transport must be arranged 72 hours in advance. Contact Community Outreach at the LTBB Health Department at 231-242-1601

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- Go to [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)
- Select "Cultural Library Online" directly from the left menu on our LTBB homepage
- Browse over 2,300 books, movies, CDs, DVDs etc.
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Don't remember the title or author? You'll find cover images to help you find the information you need.

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## ATTENTION LTBB CONTRACTORS

If you would like to be considered for future LTBB projects, please contact Purchasing Technician/Contracts Mandy Szocinski at 231-242-1439 or e-mail at [mszocinski@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:mszocinski@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)





# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## MEET CLINICAL CLERICAL TECHNICIAN COURTNEY SCHNEIDER



School in Alanson, MI.

"At first, I wanted to be a veterinarian, but with the economy, doctors and nurses are always in high demand," Schneider said. "I've always had an interest in the medical field even before I took that class."

"I thought this job would broaden my range in the medical field. I really enjoy my job. I'm happy and honored to work here. It's a great opportunity. I have awesome co-workers. They're all helpful and supportive."

Her parents are Rob and LTBB Tribal Citizen Mary Schneider, and her grandmother is LTBB Tribal Citizen Susie Swadling, who is the Administrative Assistant in the Human Resources Department. She has a sister, Rochelle, 17, and a brother, Jacob, 16.

She enjoys spending time with her boyfriend, Scott Hogrefe, her family and her puppy named Blue, watching movies and swimming.

*Photo by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.*

LTBB Tribal Citizen Courtney Schneider started as the Clinical Clerical Technician in the Health Department on January 17, 2012.

Prior to accepting her current position, she worked at Biindigen Gas Station and Convenience Store in Petoskey, MI, and attended North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, MI. She is pursuing an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing with aspirations of being a registered nurse. Her interest in the medical field increased when she took a Medical Occupations class at Petoskey High School in Petoskey, MI. She graduated from Alanson High

# MARCH ELDER BIRTHDAYS

**March 1**  
Evelyn Cody  
Margaret Kaestner  
Melvin Kiogima

**March 2**  
Pricilla Dickerson

**March 3**  
Leonard Dashner-Gasco  
James Fisher

**March 4**  
Camilla Jensen  
Darla Roush  
Deanne Samuels

**March 5**  
Dennis Hardwick  
Karen Randolph

**March 6**  
Robert Taylor

**March 7**  
James Vincent

**March 8**  
Mary Lawler  
Beverly Wemigwase

**March 9**  
Neomi Simons

**March 10**  
Bradley Baker  
Marcia Bane

**March 11**  
Richard Crossett  
Mark Kishego  
Douglas Wright, Jr.

**March 12**  
Herbert Kesick  
Regina Kiogima  
Virgina Lewis  
Cherryl Sagataw  
Juanita Taylor

**March 13**  
Deborah Blake  
Marsha Griffin  
Alice Hughes  
Marie Miller  
Rosalie Springfield

**March 14**  
Beverly Cabral  
Mary Gibson  
Mary Zeppa

**March 15**  
Frank Cripps  
Lucy Daniels  
James Lasley  
Arlene Naganashe

**March 16**  
Roger Emery  
Rebecca Healy  
Carla Hilyard  
Dawn Thorpe

**March 17**  
Charles Brooks  
Gary Otto

**March 18**  
Lewis Adams, Jr.  
Eleanor Barber  
William Kiogima  
George Shomin

**March 19**  
Joseph Allen  
Theresa Fischer  
James Skippergosh, Sr.

**March 20**  
Roseanna Alexander  
John Beaver  
Bennie Lacroix  
Donald McMillan  
Sheran Patton  
Patrick Sloniker

**March 21**  
Frank Emery  
James Hardwick  
Laura Kieliszewski  
Carolyn Medawis  
Joan Pricco

**March 22**  
John Kiogima  
Judith Kosequat

**March 23**  
Francis Boda  
Dean Samuels

**March 24**  
Sharon Sanders  
Mildred Shomin

**March 25**  
Theresa Stieve

**March 26**  
Harry Fenner

**March 27**  
William LaCroix  
Janet Sagataw

**March 28**  
Wendy Morris

**March 29**  
Nancy Gardner  
Theodore Sky-Eagle, Jr.

**March 30**  
Pauline Bowers  
Jo Ann Seay

**March 31**  
Bonita Crowe  
Wanda Thompson

## Weekend Urgent Care Alternative!

### Quick Care Family Medical Center

116 W. Mitchell Street Petoskey, MI 49770  
231-348-2828



**Notice:** Up North Medical Center, also known as Boyne Country Urgent Care, located on M-119 in Harbor Springs, MI, is no longer open after hours or on weekends, so LTBB is no longer using it as an urgent care facility. After hours and weekend emergency treatment can be obtained at Quick Care Family Medical Center or Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey.

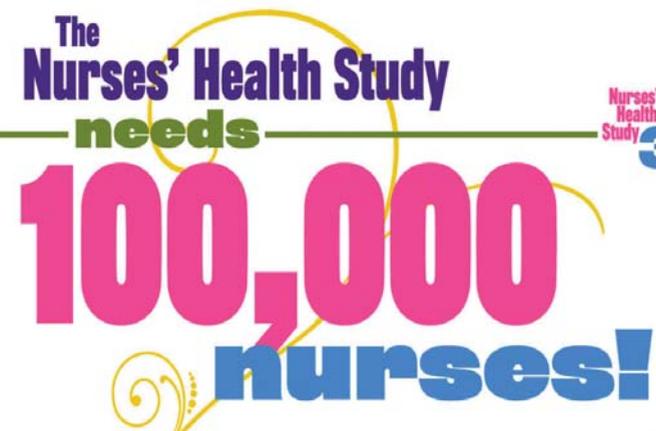
Quick Care can be utilized when immediate attention is needed for an urgent, but not life-threatening condition, and the LTBB Health Clinic in Petoskey, MI, is closed.

When using Quick Care, you are required to call LTBB Contract Health at 231-242-1600. Notice must be received within 72 hours of the visit. LTBB Elders have 30 days to notify Contract Health.

## HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES' HEALTH STUDY 3

By Regina Brubacker-Carver, Health Educator

Back in 1989, when I was freshly out of nursing school, I received an invitation in the mail to take part in the Nurses' Health Study 2, which was being led by Dr. Walter Willett from Harvard University. At the time, I was not familiar with the original Nurses' Health Study, and I didn't realize I was making a lifelong commitment, but I signed up for the study because it sounded interesting. Twenty-two years later, I am still participating in the study through questionnaires every other year. Most of the data they collect has to do with my health as I age, food and medications, exercise and other healthy habits such as the use of seat belts and alcohol and tobacco consumption. Originally, I would receive a packet in the mail with my questionnaire one year, and the next year, I would receive a newsletter telling us of the research being done and the results of past projects. Now, the questionnaires come online, and it seems to take a lot less time to complete them. Reading through the newsletters was always interesting, but as the years go by, and more and more researchers are using the Nurses' Health Study data, I am seeing more reports in the media of major findings from the study. It makes me proud to know I am one of 116,686 nurses in the study. Now, the investigators have announced they are seeking nurses to take part in the Nurses' Health Study 3, and I encourage any female RN, LPN or nursing student between the ages of 22 and 42 to apply.



**The Nurses' Health Study**  
**needs**  
**100,000 nurses!**

Harvard researchers are recruiting 100,000 female nurses for Nurses' Health Study 3

In the past 35 years, more than 230,000 NHS participants have changed what we know about women's health.

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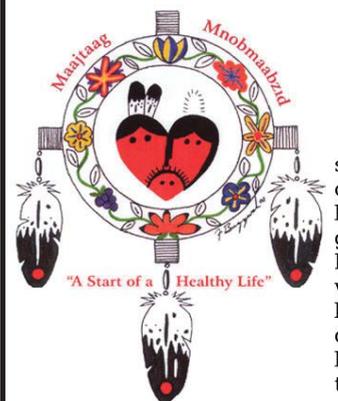
- Complete 30-minute online surveys about lifestyle and health
- Help women everywhere, now and into the future
- Join a world-renowned group of nurses
- Contribute to groundbreaking research on lifestyle, environment, nurses' workforce, and women's health

Joining is quick & easy! [www.nhs3.org](http://www.nhs3.org) **LEARN MORE!**



**CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE!**

We invite the tribal community to contact us for more details! If you are interested, please contact the Human Services Department at 231-242-1620

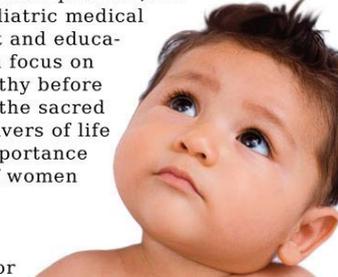


**Maahtaag Mnobmaadziid (Maj-tog Minowb-maude-zid)**  
Maahtaag Mnobmaadziid means "A Start of a Healthy Life."

We are working towards providing services and information that will keep our infants, women and families in the best of health. There are no income guidelines to determine eligibility. We hope our services will reach any woman who will be bringing an Anishinaabe baby into this world. Our program is designed to provide services needed to both mom and newborn up to the age of two years.

Maahtaag Mnobmaadziid is designed to complement, not replace prenatal, postpartum and pediatric medical care. In addition to providing support and education during pregnancy, there is also a focus on helping women become and stay healthy before and between pregnancies. We affirm the sacred role of women in the community as givers of life and promote understanding of the importance of family well-being and the health of women throughout the lifespan.

For more information, please call: Mina Mskiki Gumik ~ Tina Shawano or Kay Rogers at 231-242-1614



# GIJIGOWI BIPSKAABIIMI

Nokiiwinan, Bimaadzjik  
Professions, People



Question: Aaniish na enangzhiyin? What do you do (for a living, as a profession)?

Answer: (Bimewizid) ndonaangzhi. I am a waiter. (a waiter is what I do for a living)

Remember “nini” means “man.” For those words that end in “nini,” you are speaking about a man or male. To say a woman or female worker of that type, add “-niniikwe” instead of just “-nini.” Example: Kinooomaagenini is a male teacher. Kinooomaageniniikwe is a female teacher. Sometimes, it works just as well to use a form such as Ekinooomaaged, meaning one who teaches, a teacher.

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Pkwezhiigankenini, Epkwezhiiganked

Moozhwenini  
Makadewkonye  
Enaabkinged  
Namenini

Mookidaasoonini  
Ogima, Naagaanzit  
Jiibaakwenini

Wiibidaakenini, Wiibdaakaajiganikenini

Mshkikiinini  
Mibizochigenini, Mibzochiged

Dewegenini  
Enaabigniged  
Kitigenini

Giigoonhkenini

Jiibayannini, Jiibayan-ebmiikwaad

Giiwsenini

Biinchigenini, Ebiinchiged

Mdwewechiged

Namekwe

Zhibiigenini

Zhezhooshgaged

Mzinaazaged

Tkwanwenini

Enaajiiged

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Ngamanini, Engamad

Zhimaagnish

Giigidonini

Daawenini

Debaajamat

Ekinooomaagaazad

Ekinooomaaged, Kinooomaagenini

Mezinaakizeged

Ebimewizid

Ogichidaa

artist

baker

barber

black robe, priest

bricklayer

brother - religious male

carpenter

chief, boss, supervisor, leader

cook, chef

dentist

doctor, nurse, etc.

driver, chauffeur

drummer

electrician

farmer, gardener

fisherman

funeral director

hunter

maid, custodian, housekeeper

musician

nun

office clerical worker, secretary

painter

photographer

policeman, law officer

repairman

road worker

singer

soldier

speaker, presenter

storekeeper, vendor, trader

storyteller

student

teacher

typist

waiter, waitress, server

warrior



## NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE/ WOCTEP STUDENT REFLECTS ON “MAGICAL” SEMESTER IN IRELAND

By Rachel Brougham, *Petoskey News-Review* staff writer

Editor’s note: The following article about Jasmine Petrie appeared in the *Petoskey News-Review* and is reprinted here with permission. Petrie is a Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program (WOCTEP) student.

to Barcelona, Spain, with a friend from the United States.

She returned home just before Christmas.

Petrie is a 2005 graduate of Petoskey High School. She has both an associate of arts degree and a certificate in textiles from North Central Michigan College.

She enjoys working with textiles and is interested in weaving and



Jasmine Petrie, 24, was chosen last May as the winner of the Joseph McCarthy and Dr. William McCullough scholarship, which sends a North Central Michigan College student to Ireland for study. The scholarship is co-sponsored by North Central Michigan College, the Robert Emmet Society and the Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology in Galway, Ireland.

Petrie was the 13th student to receive the scholarship.

“It was awesome,” Petrie said of her semester abroad. “It was really magical and a wonderful experience. It was amazing.”

While in Ireland, Petrie took part in the heritage program at the Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology. She studied Irish literature, natural history and archeology.

“I was able to go on some field trips while there as part of the program, which was a great part of the classes,” she said.

When she wasn’t in class, Petrie spent time immersing herself in her surroundings. She spent a lot of time walking around Galway, visiting pubs and learning more about the Irish culture.

“It’s definitely a different culture, but not too different,” Petrie explained. “It was pretty fun getting used to everything and meeting a lot of really cool people.”

Petrie also made some trips outside of school — she visited the Cliffs of Moher, Aran Islands and traveled

sewing and hopes to become a fashion designer.

“I’m really happy I went and I’d encourage other students to learn more about this opportunity,” she said.

North Central Michigan College and the Robert Emmet Society are currently seeking entries for the next Joseph W. McCarthy and William McCullough Memorial Scholarship.

The winner will receive a scholarship, including travel, books and housing expenses for the fall 2012 semester at the Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology in Galway, Ireland.

Entrants must be enrolled in an academic program at North Central Michigan College for the 2011-2012 school year and must submit an essay on the topic, “How do the political values of Robert Emmet, Irish patriot and namesake of Emmet County, relate to our world and our lives today?”

Those wishing to enter the competition should contact Samantha McLin, associate dean of liberal arts, at North Central Michigan College at 231-348-6604 or [smclin@ncmich.edu](mailto:smclin@ncmich.edu) by March 17. Essays must be submitted by April 2.

The winner will be announced before the end of the school year.

Details are available at [www.emmetsociety.org](http://www.emmetsociety.org).

The photo of Jasmine Petrie appears courtesy of the *Petoskey News-Review*.

## LTBB TRIBAL CITIZEN HUNTER WORTHINGTON EARNS ACADEMIC ACCOLADE



Submitted by the Academic Team



LTBB Tribal Citizen Hunter Worthington received Star Student of the Week honors at Lincoln Elementary School in Petoskey, MI. He is in Mrs. Redder’s first grade class. Congratulations Hunter! Keep up the great work!

Hunter is the son of Kim and Russ Worthington, and the grandson of Yvonne Walker-Keshick and John Keshick II.

Courtesy photo.

**Avoid the headache!**  
UPCOMING DEADLINE FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP

Summer  
(May - August)  
**June 15<sup>th</sup>**

For more information, contact the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Academic Services at 231-242-1480

**ATTENTION STUDENTS!**

YOU NEED TO SUBMIT NEW APPLICATIONS FOR THE MICHELLE CHINGWA SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR THAT STARTS ON AUGUST 1, 2011

**\*\*Please Note\*\***  
Applications WILL NOT be automatically mailed to students

Applications are available online and can be downloaded from the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Department's web-page at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) or may be requested from the Gijigowi Bipskaabiimi Academic Services at 231-242-1480

Aanii, Boozhoo, this month includes the last section of our Office Vocabulary flashcards/labels. This comes from a project we did for employees as we made labels for office machines and supplies. You can cut these out and use them as flashcards or as labels, you can label items at your office or at home.

We've also added vocabulary for professions. Some of these items can be called by other names, they are usually named to describe their function or what they do, and the words are subjective. You may know of or have heard other words they are named. If you know of other words or have other ways of saying them, please let us know. Send your comments, suggestions or questions to Carla McFall at 231-242-1454, 1-866-652-5822 or e-mail cmcfall@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Miigwech

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**Come Visit Anishinaabe Language Immersion.**  
 Join us for a couple hours, for the day or for the entire weekend.  
 Weekends of March 2, 3, & 4th and March 23, 24, & 25th.  
 Stop in anytime and enjoy listening.  
 Fridays, 1 pm - 8 pm & Saturdays, 8 am - 8 pm & Sundays, 8 am - noon  
 Held at LTBB Community Center at Waawaasnodeking  
 (aka housing, elders housing)  
 5656 Ap-gish-mok Road  
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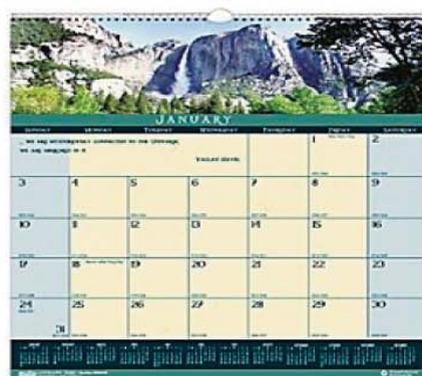
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# EXECUTIVE BRANCH

## FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL CHAIRMAN DEXTER MCNAMARA



### LTBB AND THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

On January 9, 2012, I met with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Park Managers Dennis McDermott of the Petoskey State Park and Kelly Kinser of the Burt Lake State Park. We all know it is hard to have everyone employed at our LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, and at Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, MI. The purpose of this meeting is to encourage all of our tribal citizens who are looking for summer employment to consider applying for summer employment with Michigan State Parks and Waterways, either as a short-term worker or as a career employee. I felt very good about this meeting. We are including an advertisement regarding this in the *Odawa Trails* newsletter. We are hopeful the advertisement reaches many tribal residents because our newsletter is mailed to all of our head of household. There are many Michigan State Parks and Waterways sites in the area where many of our tribal citizens live.

Here is a link to a map-based database of the units throughout the State of Michigan: [www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/parkmap.aspx](http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/parkmap.aspx) Here is the link to the "Working for the DNR" Website: [www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10366\\_11866--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10366_11866--,00.html)

MICHIGAN ANISHINAABEK CULTURAL PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ALLIANCE (MACPRA)/NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPA-

### TRATION (NAGPRA) REPRESENTATIVE

The nomination and appointment process for this appointed position from the Executive and Tribal Council has finally taken place on January 21, 2012, and I would like to welcome Wesley L. Andrews. Andrews (DBA Andrews Cultural Resource) is a LTBB Tribal Citizen with a strong background and experience in matters relating to NAGPRA. One of the main duties he will perform is to serve as an advocate for the repatriation of Native ancestral remains, cultural patrimony, sacred objects and the protection of traditional cultural properties and sacred sites. He will work directly under the Tribal Chairman/Vice Chairman and/or the Tribal Administrator.

### WAABSHKI-MIIGWAN DRUG COURT PROGRAM (WMDC) GRADUATION CELEBRATION

On January 11, 2012, I attended the WMDCP graduation celebration at the LTBB Governmental Center Commons Area. WMDCP was developed as a result of an Adult Drug Court grant awarded to our Tribal Court. For those of you not yet familiar with the program, the program is a compilation of various tools and techniques being utilized by our tribal citizens to obtain and maintain a life of sobriety. The program curriculum is a 44-week program which utilizes Odawa values and teachings to encourage the adoption of a healthy, balanced lifestyle as envisioned by our ancestors and to eliminate harmful behaviors which have caused negative consequences for our clients. The program has both court-referred and self-referred participants not under a court's jurisdiction. Introductions were made from Joe Lucier, WMDCP Coordinator, a recovery story was told, there was a presentation of a certificate of completion and gifts for the first graduate for this program. A dinner was served with Elder Ray "Zeebee" Kiogima doing the opening prayer. Immediately following the dinner, there were drug court team member remarks and congratulations.

Editor's note: An article regarding this event appears on the front page of this newslet-

ter.

### STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

On January 18, 2012, I was invited by the Capitol Advocacy Services Group to attend the State of the State reception. This reception was co-hosted with AT&T and Capitol Advocacy Services Group and is very well attended by legislators, judges and politicians from around the State of Michigan. The State of the State reception had numerous televisions on closed circuit during Michigan Governor Rick Snyder's speech. I spoke with the Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette on the Vanderbilt, MI, casino issue and thanked him from LTBB for his support.

### PROPOSED LANSING, MICHIGAN CASINO

Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Chairman Joseph Eitrem announced a \$245 million downtown Lansing, MI, casino which would create 2,200 jobs, support Sault Tribe member programs and services and fund the Lansing Promise Scholarships. The Sault Tribe is the largest federally recognized Indian Tribe today, and it is said the casino will be built in the heart of the city's entertainment district. The construction on the casino is said to be located at Michigan Avenue and Cedar Street on property adjacent to the Lansing Center, and it is expected to begin as soon as a development agreement and land transfers are approved. The Sault Tribe will file an application with the U.S. Department of the Interior to put the land into trust as tribal lands under a specific provision of the Federal Land Claims Act which gives only the Sault Tribe the legal right to the process. The Sault Tribe's intent is to open the casino after receiving federal approval. This movement is basically the same which resulted in our tribe being in litigation with the Bay Mills Indian Community after Bay Mills' opening of its casino in Vanderbilt, MI. Bernero and Eitrem are expecting challenges to the application, and I'm sure that will happen.

### CHIPPEWA OTTAWA RESOURCE AUTHORITY (CORA)

On January 26, 2012, CORA held its meeting at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI. The 2012

election for the CORA Chairman was held with Kurt Perron of the Bay Mills Indian Community being voted into the position. The Vice Chairman of CORA, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Ogema Larry Romanelli, was reinstated for the next two years. The 2012 election for the Great Lakes Resource Commission (GLRC) Chairman was held with Jason Grondin from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians voted into the position, and yours truly was voted in as the Vice Chairman. The financials for September 2011 and October 2011 were approved. Discussions on the table were the 2012 Attorney Contract, Boat Ramp, Access Site Improvements and an update on 2012 Administrative Services. Verbal reports were given by the Law Enforcement Committee and the Biological Services Division. CORA's next meeting was held February 14, 2012 at Odawa Hotel in Petoskey, MI.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER

After experiencing very good and unusual weather, on January 19, 2012 and January 23, 2012, we had heavy snowfall and ice conditions which resulted in the closing of the LTBB Government for those particular days. Closing the government puts us in a touchy situation in regards to serving our membership with any and all appointments, whether they are health and dental appointments or having scheduled interviews with applicants from outside the area. However, we do not want to put our tribal citizens who travel to work to serve our citizens in harm's way on the highway made hazardous by bad weather. If this caused an inconvenience for anyone, I apologize.

### EXCITING NEWS

I wanted to share something exciting. I received a call from the Superintendent of Schools in Mackinaw City, MI. For those who don't know, I graduated from Mackinaw City High School in 1964. I have been invited to give the commencement address on June 2, 2012 for the 2012 graduation class. This is a proud moment for me.

MIGWECH, speak the language and follow our traditions and cultural values to preserve our strong unified tribal identity.



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Aanii everyone,

Legislative Leader Melvin L. Kiogima asked me if I would be willing to write a news article for the next *Odawa Trails* concerning the budget process, and I thought, why yes, who would not want to know all about this important process, right?

## STEPS IN PREPARATION OF AN ANNUAL BUDGET

In accordance with the LTBB Constitution:

*"The Tribal membership, through this document, authorizes: the Tribal Council to be the Legislative body and to make laws and appropriate funds in accordance with Article VII;"*

Article VII, D. Powers of the Tribal Council; 18, goes on to say:

*"Appropriate funds, and enact a budget formulation statute that allows for public input from the Tribal membership;"*

In accordance with *Waganakising Odawak Statute 2007-003 Budget Formulation Process*, each year, the Tribal Council must approve an annual operating budget.

The statute goes on to state:

A. *By October 15 of each year, the Tribal Council shall adopt the Tribal Government priority funding allocation which shall set forth the allocation of funds among the five divisions (Executive, Legislative, Judicial, Prosecutor and Election Board) for the fiscal period budgets that will begin 14 1/2 months from this date.*

B. *By December 15, all budgets for the fiscal year specified in A above from all divisions are to be turned in to the Tribal Council.*

C. *Between December 15 and May 1st, the Tribal Council will schedule work sessions and public hearing(s) to reconcile the budget requests.*

D. *By May 1st, the Tribal Council shall approve the annual budget.*

What this all means is it takes a lot of behind the scenes coordination and a lot of cooperation from a great team of people for an entire 9-month period to process a budget and bring it forward for Tribal Council to approve each May, a full eight months before it even becomes expendable. That's an entire 16-month period ahead of launch.

Did anyone know what they were going to need for a 2013 budget back in 2011? The LTBB Governmental Operations live that way each and every year.

Let's take a closer look at the entire timeline of what we are preparing right now, the Fiscal Year **2013** LTBB Governmental Budget:

Approximately September 15, 2011 - All department and program budgets were submitted to Accounting.

Approximately September 30, 2011 - Commissions, Boards and Committees budgets were submitted to Accounting.

September 30, 2011 - Accounting compiled and began its administrative review.

October 1, 2011 - Recommended allocation percentages were sent to Tribal Council's Appropriations and Fi-

nance Committee (AFC) for review.

On or before October 15, 2011 - Tribal Council approved the allocation percentages based on AFC recommendation.

November 15 to December 5, 2011 - Executive comes to a conclusion on a proposed draft budget.

December 15, 2011 - Executive turned in its draft budget to Tribal Council. Prosecutor, Election Board and Judicial also turned in their budgets to Tribal Council.

January to April 2012 - AFC schedules work sessions with Executive, Legislative, Judicial, Prosecutor and Election Board to review their draft budget requests and hold a public budget hearing.

On or before May 1, 2012 - Tribal Council approves the budget.

January 1, 2013 - FY 2013 budget becomes expendable.

## POINTS OF CLARIFICATION

There are numerous terms that are used within the LTBB budget, and I am often asked what they mean. The following touches on the most commonly asked about, but are certainly not all encompassing.

### General Fund

The Odawa Casino Resort annual distributions are called the General Fund (GF). The General Fund supports the various departments of government, matches grants and contracts, supports economic development, Commissions, Boards & Committees, general welfare such as the Elders Program, Substance Abuse, Human Services, educational assistance, funeral assistance, social services, Sovereignty Day, Youth Services, IHS support, BIA support, Day Care, Foster Care, the Jiingtamok, the Michelle Chingwa Scholarship, the annual meeting, the annual per capita distribution and many more.

### Special Revenue

The budgets for the Special Revenue funds, commonly known as the grants, are determined by the grantor, and these amounts cannot be altered to impact other items in the budgets of the general fund.

### Cost Recovery

The budgets for Cost Recovery (CR) programs such as Indirect Costs are based on percentage and billed to both the General Fund programs and the Special Revenue programs to cover the costs of services provided to all programs such as the cost of the buildings and maintenance, the cost of the Human Resources Department, Tribal Council, Accounting and many more.

### Indirect Costs

Indirect Costs are those costs that are required for the administration of the government and benefit all programs, such as Accounting, Tribal Administrator's Office, Information Technology, Human Resources, etc. The cost to maintain these services is recovered through an indirect cost rate that is negotiated each year with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This rate is then charged to direct programs. Direct programs are those that provide a specific service or function such as the Language Program, Tribal Court and Law Enforcement, etc.

So, there it is, a short explanation of the life of the LTBB tribal government's budgeting process, pretty exciting stuff right?

Thanks for listening,

*John Bott, Tribal Council Treasurer*

## ODAWA FISHERY, INC.

The Tribal Council is looking to fill a vacancy on the Odawa Fishery, Inc. Board of Directors. The Legislative Office will be accepting names for consideration of appointment until March 30, 2012. The appointee must meet the following qualifications: be at least 18 years of age; must be at least seven years from completion of a sentence or probation upon being convicted of a felony in tribal, state, or federal court, unless such conviction has been vacated or overturned; and, should meet one of the following desired criteria: three (3) years of business or financial management experience, or, three (3) years of Natural Resources and/or fishing rights management experience.

For more information about the Odawa Fishery, Inc., please see WOS 2011-012 Odawa Fishery Incorporated, and the Corporate Charter for Odawa Fishery, Inc. on the Odawa website.

**NATIVE WAY GYM**

**YOGA**  
MONDAY & THURSDAY  
8 AM TO 9 AM

**BOXING**  
TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
7:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

**JIU JITSU**  
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY  
6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

**BEGINNER TAE KWON DO**  
TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
6 PM TO 6:30 PM

**ADVANCED TAE KWON DO**  
TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES!  
CALL COMMUNITY HEALTH FOR MORE INFORMATION  
231-242-1601

**THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

We would like to start tracking LTBB Tribal Citizens who have completed military service or who are currently on active duty. If you are a veteran, please call us toll free at 1-866-652-5822 ext. 1521 or 1520. We will be asking you the following questions:

- (1) Name
- (2) Date of Birth
- (3) Branch of Service

This information will be used by the Grants Department. Megwetch, Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

**NOTICE:**

The Human Services Department has Community Services Block Grant funds available. Please see the LTBB website at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) or contact the Human Services Department at 231-242-1621 for details.

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Commission, Board and Committee Vacancies

Current Vacancies:

Commission/Board	Term	Vacancies
Citizenship	4 yr. term	5
Economic Development	3 yr. term	2
Housing	4 yr term	4
Natural Resources	4 yr. term	1
Trust Fund Board	4 yr. term	4
Election Board	4 yr. term	2
Liquor, Tobacco and Licensing Board	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Zoning Board of Appeals	1, 2, 3 yr. term	3
Waganakising Odawa Development, Inc.	3 yr. term	2
Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.	5 yr term	2
Odawa Fishery, Inc.	3 yr term	2

The following information is provided for Tribal Members who are seeking nominations for an appointment to an LTBB Commission, Board and/or Committee. Those interested, please submit a letter of interest along with your resume to:

Tribal Chairman  
LTBB of Odawa Indians  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49770  
Phone (231) 242-1418 Fax (231) 242-1411  
Email: [chairman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:chairman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

The Executive Office notifies applicants when letter and resume are received. The Chairman's nominations are forwarded to Tribal Council. Thereafter, the Legislative Office handles all interview scheduling and correspondence for the Commissions or Boards, for the position vacancies. The Executive office is also accepting resumes for nominations for the appointed positions of:

Judicial Postings:  
Associate Judge, 4 year term  
Powers, Jurisdiction, Eligibility, Terms, see Article IX of The Constitution of the LTBB of Odawa Indians. Refer to the WOS 2010-016 Constitutionally Mandated Compensation Statute for Judges and Justices for compensation.  
Special Prosecutor, 2 year term  
Refer to WOS 2011-006 Tribal Prosecutor Statute, Sec. IX for qualifications, limited purpose and duty.

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

**NOTICE:**  
Sex Offender Registration Requirements

All persons who have been convicted as a sex offender are required by the LTBB Sex Offender Registration and Notification Statute to register with **LTBB Law Enforcement** if any of the following circumstances are true:

1. If your residence is on tribally owned lands; or
2. If you will be visiting and staying on tribally owned lands for more than seven (7) days; or
3. If you are enrolled in any classes or schools located in tribal buildings; or
4. If you are employed on tribally owned lands.

**LTBB Law Enforcement is located at:**

LTBB Governmental Center, Suite 128  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740  
231-242-1500

For more information regarding Sex Offender Registry, you can visit the LTBB website [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) and choose the Law Enforcement link on the right side of the page.

**Save on your next computer with Dell**

Tribal Citizens and Employees can save money on their next computer purchase when shopping with Dell. It's easy, just log on to [www.dell.com/EPP](http://www.dell.com/EPP) or call 1-877-289-9437 and enter Member ID#: CS25031222 to take advantage of the discount.

If you have any questions, please call Purchasing Technician Mandy Szocinski at 231-242-1439



# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## TAX AGREEMENT INFORMATION

By **Theresa Keshick**, Department of Commerce Assistant

The Department of Commerce (DOC) would like to remind the tribal membership about a few items pertaining to the Tax Agreement.

First of all, I cannot express enough how important it is to keep your address updated.

The first step in becoming a Resident Tribal Member (RTM) is to officially change your address with the Enrollment Department. This must be done in writing and as soon as possible.

The DOC cannot and will not change the estimated beginning date (EBD) (which is always the first in any given month) of a member's tax exempt status (see example below).

It is YOUR responsibility to update your address on file with the Enrollment Department. This date will affect how many months you will be able to file the Annual Resident Tribal Member Sales Tax

Credit (Tribal Form 4013). It is to your benefit to be able to file for the maximum number of months for this credit.

In addition, being an RTM will allow you to purchase large items such as vehicles, boats, motorcycles and off the road vehicles tax exempt.

There is a form that needs to be filled out called a "Request for TCE" (Tribal Certificate of Exemption), which is available in my office. Once this form is completely filled out, I will then issue the RTM the actual Tribal Certificate of Exemption (Tribal Form 3998).

If you plan on purchasing any of these items, please contact me FIRST, and I will be happy to get you the form via e-mail or fax. I am also able to fax the TCEs to the dealership you are doing business with.

Being an RTM will also allow you to be tax exempt on utility bills such as phone, cable, gas, propane, electricity, satellite and cellular service. If you have not filled out a Util-

ity Provider Survey, please contact the DOC, and I will be happy to get one to you.

Also, another important thing to remember is if you do move into the Tax Agreement Area (TAA), your RTM status does NOT take effect until the first day of the following month.

**Example:** I move to Petoskey, MI, (inside the TAA) on September 5, 2010. My RTM (EBD) status begins October 1, 2010. All updates are sent to the State of Michigan as close to the end of the month as possible.

The LTBB Tax Agreement is viewable on the State of Michigan's website at:

<http://www.michigan.gov/trea>  
sury/0,1607,7-121-1748\_23287---,00.html

If you have any other questions pertaining to the Tax Agreement, I can be reached at my office at 231-242-1584 or via e-mail at [tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:tkeshick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

## ATTENTION RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS (RTM'S)

By **Theresa Keshick**, Department of Commerce Assistant

The tax season is upon us, and to make sure this process runs smoothly for RTM's, please note the following tax information.

"Resident Tribal Member" means a tribal member whose **principal place of residence** is located within the LTBB Tax Agreement Area.

The following townships, or portions of, are included in the Tax Agreement Area (TAA): Cross Village, Readmond, Friendship, West Traverse, Little Traverse, Bear Creek, Resort, Bay and Hayes. Also included are the City of Petoskey, City of Harbor Springs and the City of Charlevoix (only north of the bridge).

**Please note:** Only tribal members residing within the TAA are exempt from Michigan non-business income taxes and will also receive the Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit. For those moving into the TAA, RTM status is established on the first day

of the proceeding month from which the Enrollment Department has received a written change of address (forms are available at the Enrollment Office located on the second floor of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, by calling the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1520 or 231-242-1521 or by downloading a form at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/Enrollment/enrollment.htm](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Departments/Enrollment/enrollment.htm)). Change of address cannot be done over the phone. Also note, it is the tribal member's responsibility to change the address as soon as it occurs, so RTM status can be established. This is to the RTM's benefit. Neither the Enrollment Department nor the Department of Commerce (DOC) is responsible for back-tracking address changes when the proper documentation has not been provided! You will not be eligible until your address has been changed with the Enrollment Department, which must include a physical address; P.O. Box addresses are not acceptable by themselves. The RTM list is mailed to the State of Michigan on a monthly basis.

## RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBER ANNUAL SALES TAX CREDIT (MI-4013)

By **Theresa Keshick**, Department of Commerce Assistant

The RTM Sales Tax Credit was designed to cover any items not listed under Section III (2), (3) and (4) of the Tax Agreement.

The Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit is based on a percentage of the RTM's modified federal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) multiplied by .009. Modified AGI includes Social Security benefits, Social Security Disability benefits, Railroad Retirement benefits, unemployment benefits and fishing income. Modified AGI cannot exceed \$80,000 per RTM. Leftover cap from one RTM spouse cannot be carried over to the other RTM spouse.

**Example:** A married couple where both spouses are RTMs with a Modified AGI \$170,000 (\$30,000 RTM + \$140,000 RTM spouse) would receive a tax credit of \$990 [(30,000 + 80,000 cap) x .009].

**Example:** A married couple where both spouses are RTMs with a Modified AGI \$85,000 (\$35,000 RTM + \$50,000 RTM spouse)

would receive a tax credit of \$765 [(35,000 + 50,000) x .009].

**Example:** A single RTM with a Modified AGI \$87,000 would receive a tax credit of \$720 (80,000 cap x .009).

The Resident Tribal Member Annual Sales Tax Credit form (MI-4013) must be filed with the MI-1040 Income Tax return.

These forms were mailed out from the Department of Commerce to RTM's aged 18 and over only. Parents of Minor RTM's must contact the Department of Commerce (DOC) office for the form. **MI-4013 IS NOT available on the LTBB website or on the State of Michigan's website.** Please contact the DOC if you did not receive a form in the mail.

For individual tax questions, please consult a tax accountant or professional tax preparer.

The LTBB Tax Agreement can be viewed on the State of Michigan website at [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/LTBB\\_Agreement\\_58762\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/LTBB_Agreement_58762_7.pdf).

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

Cross Village (all)	Readmond (all)
Friendship (all)	West Traverse (all)
Little Traverse (all)	City of Harbor Springs (all)
Resort (partial)	Bay (partial)
Hayes (partial)	Bear Creek (all)
City of Petoskey (all)	
City of Charlevoix (only NORTH of the bridge)	

Resident Tribal Members are exempted from the following Michigan taxes:

1. Sales Tax (currently 6% of retail price) via Form 4013
2. Use Tax (currently 6% of purchase price)
3. Income Tax (4.35% of Adjusted Gross Income)
4. Michigan Business Tax (currently 4.95%)
5. \*Motor Fuel Tax (currently, 36.5 cents per gallon unleaded and 32.6 cents per gallon on diesel)
6. \*Tobacco Product Tax (currently \$2 per pack of cigarettes)

\* All LTBB Tribal Members are entitled to the exemption on fuel and tobacco.

\*The Motor Fuel and Tobacco Product Tax exemption is available at Biindigen (tribal convenience store) located at 2169 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI.

\*The Motor Fuel Tax exemption is also available at the BP station on the south side of Petoskey, MI, near the Big Boy restaurant.

**Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Members' sole consumption ONLY!**

**IMPORTANT REMINDER: TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THEIR TRIBAL ID SWIPE CARDS FOR PURCHASES OF NON-MEMBERS NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED TO LEND THEIR CARDS OUT TO ANYONE.**

The current limit on tobacco purchases is four cartons per week per tribal citizen age 18 and over. The same applies to all other tobacco products (OTP) packaged in similar fashion.

## ATTENTION ALL RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS (RTMs)

If you are planning to purchase a vehicle, ORV or plan on doing any home improvements to your principal place of residence, **YOU NEED TO CONTACT ME FIRST** before making the actual purchase(s). You must fill out the "Request for TCE" form located on the LTBB website or by contacting my office. I will then issue you a "Tribal Certificate of Exemption" for such purchases. The tribe no longer uses the Refund Method, as indicated in the monthly newsletter, as of January 1, 2008. If you've already made a purchase, there is no recourse! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you. -Theresa Keshick

## LTBB ID CARDS

The Enrollment Office has new picture identification cards. **YOU DO NOT NEED A NEW PICTURE IDENTIFICATION CARD UNLESS:**

- Your tribal identification card has expired
- Your tribal identification card has no magnetic strip
- Your tribal identification card has a post office box and not a physical address

If you have an address change and you want the address change to reflect on your card, there is a \$5 fee. Please keep in mind there is a \$5 replacement fee for the card. Free to elders.

Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee 231-242-1521  
Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton 231-242-1520



## TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION

The tribal notaries listed below are eligible to perform notarial acts within Little Traverse Bay Bands Jurisdiction unless he/she violates section C. Revocation WOS#2008-05 Tribal Notary Statute

Tribal Notary Commission Full Name	Current Status	Appointment Date	Expiration Date	Serial Number
Theresa C. Keshick	Active	2/18/2009	February 18, 2015	01-09
Rebecca R. Atkinson	Active	2/23/2009	February 23, 2015	02-09
Lisa Flynn	Active	2/23/2009	February 23, 2015	03-09
Beatrice A. Law	Active	5/11/2009	May 11, 2015	04-09
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	6/7/2011	June 7, 2017	05-09

## TAX AGREEMENT REMINDER

When moving into the LTBB Tax Agreement Area, in order to become a Resident Tribal Member, you must change your address in writing at the Enrollment Department located in the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. Your RTM status will take effect on the first day of the following month in which you moved.

### ENROLLMENT OFFICE FEE SCHEDULE

If you have any questions regarding the service and fee schedule, please contact the LTBB Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521, Linda Gokee, Administrative Assistant, or 231-242-1520, Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer.

Fees:	Tribal Citizens
<b>Replacement Cards</b> A replacement card is lost, stolen, expired or has an address change. Free to elders.	\$5
<b>Tribal Directory</b> Adults 18 and enrolled prior to 2/1/2009. Published every 4 years.	\$5
<b>Tribal Directory Labels</b> Requestor must provide labels.	\$5
<b>LTBB List</b> The list includes adult's first, middle and last names only.	\$5
<b>Photocopies of Enrollment file</b> <b>\$1 first copy page, 25 cents for each page thereafter.</b>	\$1 each
<b>Marriage License Application</b> Certified Copies: \$10 Photo Copies: \$5	\$15
<b>Tribal Notary Application</b> If approved Surety Bond: \$125	\$10

### Services:

- > Enrollment Applications.
- > Address Change Forms.
  - o Adults require notarization if mail is delivered to a post office box.
  - o Minors require notarization annually.
- > Tribal Identification Cards.
- > Tribal Directory.
- > Marriage License Application.
- > Tribal Notary Application.
- > Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Certification.
- > BIA - 4432 Indian Preference Form.
- > Eagle Feather Application and Re-Order Form.
- > Certifier of LTBB Degree of Indian Blood.

8-27-10

## LTBB Tribal Directories

The Enrollment Office has LTBB Tribal Directories for sale. The tribal directory includes adults' names and addresses of LTBB Citizens enrolled prior to February 1, 2009, excluding undeliverable addresses and LTBB Citizens requesting not to be included.

### Qualifications:

- Must include a copy of your tribal identification card
- A \$5 money order or check payable to LTBB of Odawa Indians

### Mail to:

LTBB of Odawa Indians  
Attn: Enrollment Office  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521 or 231-242-1520.

# NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

## SNOWY OWL SURPLUS: SNOWY OWLS LAND IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN

By Morgan Sherburne, *Petoskey News-Review* staff writer

**Editor's note:** The following article appeared in the *Petoskey News-Review* on January 25, 2012 and is reprinted here with permission.

On first glance, they look like a plastic bag caught in a tree, said birder and Petoskey Regional Audubon Society member Diane Strzelinski, a Boyne City-area resident.

But what you're seeing is no trash: It's a snowy owl, and Michigan has been seeing an influx — called an "irruption" — of the bird over this past winter.

"It happens every so often," said Strzelinski — birds, usually yearlings, are pushed out of their typical territory because of an uptick in their population and resulting scarcity of food.

This year, a surplus of lemmings led to a surplus of yearling snowy owls, whose nesting range is in the Arctic. Mature owls pushed the yearlings south, said Kevin Haynes, wildlife biologist with the Natural Resource

Department of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Haynes and his colleagues sent an owl that had died on the ice of Crooked Lake for a necropsy at Michigan State University where it was determined that the owl starved to death.

This is pretty common, said Rebecca Lessard, founder and director of the raptor rehabilitation center, Wings of Wonder, in Empire, MI, who started hearing of snowy owls in the area around Thanksgiving.

"Immatures travel more than 1,000 miles and end up in new land they're not familiar with, already thin, and are not accomplished hunters," said Lessard. "Seventy five percent will die before winter's end."

One snowy owl brought to Lessard was at less than 50% of his body weight, too far for Lessard to help him.

"Especially with starvation cases, it's this continuous downhill cycle. The birds are mobile and can maybe fly short distances, so it's harder for them to be caught," said Lessard. "By the time they are weak enough that you can walk up and put a blanket over them, it's bad."

This is what happened with the Crooked Lake owl, said Haynes. When he went to Crooked Lake in mid-December 2011 after the initial report of the live bird, the bird flew further and further out on the ice of the lake — on ice too thin to support the weight of its rescuers.

Lessard attempted to revive her bird with a warm fluids tube. She inserts a tube down the birds' throats that administers a heated slurry of thin diluted chicken or turkey baby food mix in order to warm their core temperature and quickly get calories into them.

But for birds at less than half their body weight — for

snowy owls, this is approximately four to five pounds — it can be too late.

"It's a tough life," said Lessard.

If birders find a snowy, they might think is injured or in need of aid, be cautious, said Lessard.

"The best thing to do is observe the bird for a little bit, and if the bird is just sitting on the ground and is not limping or its wing isn't drooping, leave it alone," she said.

Come back the next day. If you can get within two to three feet of it without it flying away, make a call to a veterinarian or the raptor center, Wings of Wonder. If the owl is obviously injured — bloodied or with a hanging wing — the best thing to do, she said, is to throw a blanket or towel over the bird, slide it into a box, and take it to a veterinarian or licensed facility in the area.

Though many birds may, unfortunately, not survive the winter, some will. The birds will stay day after day near a perch that proves good for hunting — usually in open areas like airports and meadows.

Snowies have been seen in almost all of the states across the northern United States.

"This is the best year to go out and look for snowies in the wild," said Lessard. "Take advantage of this gift."

For more information, or if you come across a snowy owl in need, contact Wings of Wonder at 231-326-4663 or visit the organization online at [www.wingsof wonder.org](http://www.wingsof wonder.org). The Natural Resource Department of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians may also be contacted at 231-242-1670.

### Should You Stay or Should You Go

In a mild winter, said Lessard, it's not uncommon for usually migratory birds to stay put.

Birds such as robins that do not migrate are putting themselves into a precarious position with respect to surviving the winter — but if the winter is mild, said Lessard, they could actually be making the right choice.

"The birds who chose not to migrate are probably the smart ones, because migration puts them into a stressful situation in which they're much more vulnerable to be preyed upon," she said.

Waterfowl such as geese, ducks and swans will stay in Northern Michigan as long as there is open water, and usually will begin migrating if they sense a storm is coming.

"Most wild animals are really perceptive of different storms moving," said Lessard. "That's why you'll see, two days before a huge storm, big flocks of birds at your bird feeder or geese flying south."

So far, this winter will probably not provide hardships to the birds, said Lessard. What might prove hard will be if the brunt of winter comes in early spring when the birds that have left are returning in need of food and have 10 inches of snow to contend with.

*Courtesy photo.*



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<http://tinyurl.com/lbbgreatlakes>

For more information, contact Lucas Evans, Great Lakes Policy Specialist  
levans@lbbodawa-nsn.gov  
231-242-1570



## 2012 Hunter Safety and IBEP Certification Class

The class is a combo class. Upon successful completion of the class, you will receive a Hunter Safety Certificate as well as International Bow Education Program Certification.

The following classes will be held at the LTBB Governmental Center  
Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 PM  
Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 AM to 4 PM  
Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 PM

The final class will be held at the Harbor Springs Outdoors Club  
Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 4 PM

For more information, Contact

Roger Willis at  
231-242-1674  
or e-mail

[rwillis@lbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:rwillis@lbbodawa-nsn.gov)



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## MEET ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST DOUG LARSON

Doug Larson started as the Environmental Specialist in the Natural Resource Department on January 4, 2012.

As the Environmental Specialist, he will focus on air quality. Some of his projects include updating the emissions inventory, working with indoor and outdoor air quality and working with the radon program.

Some of the aforementioned projects will be contingent on LTBB receiving grants in those areas.

"I'm relatively new to air quality, but I'm looking forward to the challenge," said Larson, who grew up in Holton, MI, and graduated from Holton High School. "My father (Doug Larson, Sr.) has been an Environmental Technician for 20 years, and he was working on a cleanup site in Petoskey (Michigan) when I graduated from high school. They needed a courier for samples, so I started working on the site right out of high school. That sparked my interest



in environmental work."

Prior to accepting his current position, Larson worked in the Food Packing Department at Dow Chemical as part of the College Opportunity Program for two years, as an Environmental Technician for BARR Engineering for two years and taught General Ecology at Central Michigan University (CMU) for two years. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science/Biology from CMU and is pursuing a Master's degree in Environmental Science/Fisheries Management.

His parents are Treisha and Doug Larson, Sr. He and his wife, Marissa, have a one-month old son, Henry.

He enjoys spending time with his family, snowboarding, golfing and participating in other winter sports.

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 www.cmich.edu/powwow  
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 St. Cloud, MN  
 Contact Information: Jim Knutson-Kolodzne at 320-308-5447, jkolodzne@stcloudstate.edu or www.stcloudstate.edu/aic/

April 14  
 Michigan Tech/AISES  
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 Student Development Complex  
 Michigan Tech campus  
 Houghton, MI  
 Contact Information: Lori Ann at 906-370-0692 or loriann@mtu.edu

**Minnesota**  
 March 17-18  
 40th Annual Dance for Mother Earth Pow Wow  
 Ann Arbor Pioneer High School  
 Ann Arbor, MI  
 Contact Information: Native American Student Association at 734-408-1581, www.umich.edu/~powwow/ or danceformotherearth@gmail.com

March 24-25  
 23rd Annual Central Michigan University Pow Wow  
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 Central Michigan University  
 Mt. Pleasant, MI  
 Contact Information: Native American Programs at 989-774-2508, nap@cmich.edu or

March 9  
 St. Paul Public Schools Indian Education Pow Wow  
 The American Indian Magnet  
 St. Paul, MN  
 Contact Information: 651-293-5191

March 31  
 22nd Annual Washington University in St. Louis Pow Wow  
 Washington University Field House  
 St. Louis, MN  
 Contact Information: Ashley Ryerse at 517-304-2377, ryerseashley@wustl.edu or http://buder.wustl.edu/Events/Page/s/PowWow.aspx

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 March 17-18  
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 Crandon High School  
 Crandon, WI  
 Contact Information: Brian Tupper at 715-478-7420 or Brian.Tupper@fcpotawatominnsn.gov

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**One Year Memorial Feast Honoring Nicholas G. Naganashe**

Location: LTBB Commons Area  
 7500 Odawa Circle  
 Harbor Springs, Michigan

Date: February 28, 2012  
 Time: 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Any questions, please contact:  
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 LTBB Governmental Center  
 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI  
 February 17 - 6pm  
 March 9 - 6pm  
 April 13 - 6pm  
 May 11 - 6pm  
 May 24 - 6pm

Contact Information:  
 2012 General Membership Speaker  
 Cathy Portman Bradley ~ 231-330-5130  
 E-mail: [cathylbradley@yahoo.com](mailto:cathylbradley@yahoo.com)

For the most updated information, please refer to our Facebook page - "Community of Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians"

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## 2012 GOONIGNEBIG GAMES

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### Men - 65 and over

1 <sup>st</sup> Patrick Naganashe	237 ft., 6 in.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bill McIlrath	121 ft., 1½ in.
3 <sup>rd</sup> James Naganashe	100 ft., 5 in.

### Women - 65 and over

1 <sup>st</sup> Gen March	70 ft., 7 in.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Arlene Naganashe	65 ft., 5 in.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Darlene Rowland	27 ft., 5 in.

### Men - Ages 50 - 64

1 <sup>st</sup> Brian Carver	307 ft., 5 in.
2 <sup>nd</sup> John Bott	295 ft., 5 in.
3 <sup>rd</sup> JD Gibson	269 ft., 2 in.

### Women - Ages 50 - 64

1 <sup>st</sup> Cindy McIlrath-Parker	328 ft., 7 in.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jannan Cornstalk	320 ft., 1 in.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cathy Gibson	290 ft.

### Men - Preschool, Ages 1 - 4

1 <sup>st</sup> Caleb Carver	134 ft., 4 in.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nicholas Ellis	61 ft., 7 in.
3 <sup>rd</sup> John Keshick	23 ft.

### Women - Preschool, Ages 1 - 4

1 <sup>st</sup> Lilly Bott	39 ft
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sophia Naganashe	34 ft., 6 in.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Olivia Carver	27 ft., 6 in.

### Men - Kindergarten - 2nd grade

1 <sup>st</sup> Collin Sutton	141 ft., 8 in.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nizhu Yellowbank	128 ft., 9 in.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Curtis McFall	128 ft., 6 in.

### Women - Kindergarten - 2nd grade

1 <sup>st</sup> Kiah Keshick-Edy	156 ft., 7 in.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Evelyynn Gibson	146 ft., 1 in.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Autumn Naganashe	124 ft., 2 in.

### Men - 3rd - 5th grade

1 <sup>st</sup> Waylan Wanegeshik	265 ft., 11 in.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Michael Pelcher-Dillard	202 ft., 2 in.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nimkii Naganashe	190 ft., 6 in.

### Women - 3rd - 5th grade

1 <sup>st</sup> Madisson Dillard	197 ft., 1 in.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sandra Naganashe	170 ft.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sierra Dillard	106 ft., 8 in.

### Men - 6th - 8th grade

1 <sup>st</sup> Henry Robinson	396 ft., 8 in.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Blayne Clyne	293 ft., 3 in.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Collin Welham	293 ft.

### Women - 6th - 8th grade

1 <sup>st</sup> Lilli Parker	285 ft., 10 in.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mary Henry	218 ft., 2 in.

### Men - 9th - 12th grade

1 <sup>st</sup> Alec Guerrero	404 ft., 8 in.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Michael Keshick	399 ft., 3 in.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Kenny Dewey	397 ft., 8 in.

### Women - 9th - 12th grade

1 <sup>st</sup> Nicole Laughlin	395 ft., 8 in.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tina Dewey	330 ft., 1 in.

### Men - Ages 18 - 34

1 <sup>st</sup> Barry Bott	414 ft.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Robert Freeman	406 ft., 2 in.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Isaac Dillard	406 ft.

### Women - Ages 18 - 34

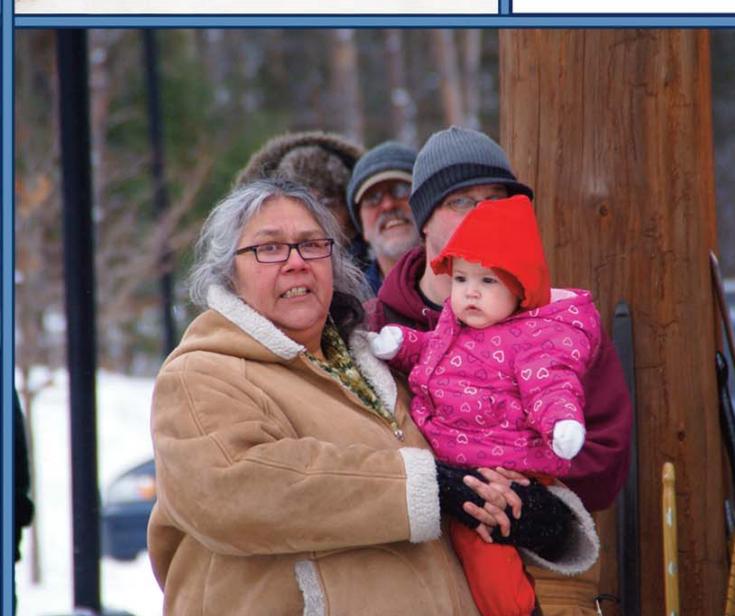
1 <sup>st</sup> Jennifer Yuhn	284 ft., 10 in.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Courtney Schneider	265 ft., 9 in.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Brooke Robinson	217 ft.

### Men - Ages 35 - 49

1 <sup>st</sup> Todd Parker	412 ft., 2 in.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Robert Yellowbank, Jr.	408 ft., 9 in.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Clatus Clyne	404 ft., 2 in.

### Women - Ages 35 - 49

1 <sup>st</sup> Theresa Keshick	398 ft., 6 in.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Kaye Rowland	383 ft., 1 in.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Deanna Kelly	298 ft., 9 in.





# YOUTH SERVICES

## YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATE

By **Kristy Dayson**, Youth Services Coordinator

There have been a few changes in the Youth Services Department.

Here are the highlights:

**Mondays:** Waganakising Eshkiniigijik UNITY Council meets from 5-7 p.m. at the White House

Hawks basketball practice from 5-7:30 p.m. at St. Francis School gym

**Tuesdays:** 1st Tuesday of every month - Cooking/Baking class with Regina Brubaker-Carver at the White House from 4-6 p.m.

2nd Tuesday of every month - Eshkiniigijik Youth Group (activities vary every month)

4th Tuesday of every month - Binoojinhak Youth Group (activities vary every month)

**Wednesdays:** Hawks basketball practice from 5-7:30 p.m. at St. Francis School gym

**Thursdays:** 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month - Men's Circle from 4-6 p.m. at the White House

The focus of the Men's circle will teach roles and responsibilities, drumming, hands-on activities, fire keeping and many others.

2nd & 4th Thursday of every month - Women's Circle from 4-6 p.m. at the White House

The focus of the Women's circle will teach roles and responsibilities, medicines, hands-on activities and many others.

**Waganakising Eshkiniigijik UNITY Council**

WEUC completed its 2nd Annual LTBB Youth Leadership Retreat held February 23-26, 2012 at Camp

Daggett in Petoskey, MI. Look for more information in the next issue of *Odawa Trails!* WEUC continues to work on service projects in four areas



(Community Service, Environment Awareness, Healthy Lifestyles and Cultural/Heritage). It is also working on raising money to attend the National UNITY Conference being held in the Phoenix, AZ, area in July 2012. The WEUC's President and Vice President attended the Mid-Year

Meeting held in Washington, D.C. February 8-12, 2012.

For more information on the WEUC, please contact Kristy Dayson at 231-242-1593 or by e-mail at [kdayson@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:kdayson@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

### Hawks Basketball

Hawks basketball is in full swing as our tournament season quickly approaches! The season started on January 9, 2012 and will continue through May 2012. Practice is every Monday and Wednesday from 5-7:30 p.m. at the St. Francis School gym.

This year, our coaches are Barry Bott from the Youth Services Department and volunteer Brandon Smith, who works as the Food Distribution Worker in the Human Services Department.

For more information on our basketball program, please contact Barry Bott at 231-242-1589 or by e-mail at [bbott@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:bbott@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

### Interested in working for LTBB?

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Submit your applications, resumes, and cover letters:

- In person at our LTBB Human Resources office
- E-mail: [hr@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:hr@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)
- Mail to LTBB Human Resources, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Questions? Please contact the Human Resources Department at 231-242-1563.

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#### Testimonial

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*Alberta, participant*

#### How do You Get on the PATH?

##### Spring time!!

**PATH 6-week workshop series**  
Beginning in March 2012

**Location:** LTBB Health Clinic MIN-A-MSKIKI GUMIKI  
1080 Hager Dr., Petoskey, MI

**Contact:** Regina Brubaker-Carver 231-242-1664  
or  
Emily Proctor 231-439-8927

Next session will begin in May 2012; please contact us for the exact date and time.  
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"Graduate" continued from front cover. where Emmet County 90th District Court Judge Richard W. May recommended him for the Waabshki-Miigwan Drug Court Program because Rhymes was not eligible for the 90th District Court's drug court program. In order to be eligible for the 90th District Court's drug court program, a person must have two drunk driving offenses.

"Because of his Native heritage, my opinion was he needed more interaction, counseling and

charged Rhymes from the Waabshki-Miigwan Drug Court Program after successfully completing 44 weeks of the program, and May released Rhymes from probation. It was the first time an outside judge had presided with a Tribal Court judge.

"It's great he's done so well with no problems along the way," May said. "He's embraced a positive lifestyle. As the first graduate of the program, he is a pillar in the community. He is now looked upon to maintain an example for all the graduates who come after him. He knows all the risks involved after graduation, and he will face those challenges daily."

Rhymes said he knows his graduation from the drug court program is only one part of his journey.

"On paper, it's an ending to the program and to my probation, but this is a continual process," Rhymes said. "I need to be able to take what I learned in this program and apply those lessons on a daily basis. The real test is what I do from here."

Rhymes said he always wanted to be a trucking owner operator, but lacked the business background to do so. He is currently enrolled at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, MI, pursuing an Entrepreneurship certificate through the Waganakising Odawa Career and Technical Education Program (WOCTEP) and is considering pursuing an Associate's degree in Geographic Information System (GIS). He is also taking trucking owner operator courses on-

line.

"This program is not for everyone, but I wanted sobriety so badly, and I wanted to succeed," Rhymes said. "If you live your life in a sober way, the sky's the limits. There is so much opportunity here. There is a sense of pride in belonging to a nation or tribe. Considering where we came from and how the elders looked forward to the next Seven Generations, I owe it to myself and to them to continue living sober. The elders gave of their time unselfishly, and they did that in a sober way."

Rhymes' mother was the late Lorraine (Sharkey) Heimes, and his grandparents were the late Elizabeth (Feathers) and the late George Sharkey. He has a sister, Victoria, and a half-sister, Shirley.

A tribal community celebration and feast at the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI, followed Rhymes' graduation on January 11, 2012. Rhymes gave the opening talk and presented the Waabshki-Miigwan Drug Court Program team with an eagle feather. He received a certificate of completion and an eagle feather, gifts from the Waabshki-Miigwan Drug Court Program team members and a ribbon shirt from LTBB Tribal Citizen Regina Brubaker-Carver.

Tribal Chairman Dexter McNamara gave a welcome, and LTBB Tribal Citizen Ray "Zee-

bee" Kiogima gave the opening prayer before the feast. LTBB Tribal Citizen Arlene Naganashe started a spontaneous giveaway. The Woodland Singers performed opening and closing songs. Odawa Fishery, Inc. donated the fish for the feast, and LTBB Tribal Citizen Beverly Wemigwase made corn soup and fry bread for the feast.

The Waabshki-Miigwan Drug Court Program started with its first client on October 20, 2012 and has steadily added clients from Tribal Court and the Emmet County 90th District Court since then. The program is used as a model by the Tribal Law and Policy Institute and will be featured in the institute's 10 Key Components of Wellness Courts which will come out later this year. Lucier and Kiogima have given presentations regarding the program to other tribes.

The Waabshki-Miigwan Drug Court Program team members include Elder Yvonne Walker-Keshick, Sobriety Mentor Carla Wesaw, Cultural Resource Advisor Bill Denemy, Sr., Law Enforcement Officer Ryan Roberts, Court Administrator Bernadecce Kiogima, Prosecutor Matt Lesky, Defense Dick Lewis, Adult Probation Officer/Odawa Adult Healing to Wellness Coordinator Joe Lucier, Substance Abuse Counselor Susan Yates, Mental Health Therapist Brad Houle and Associate Judge Jenny Lee Kronk.

For more in-depth information regarding the Waabshki-Miigwan Drug Court Program, please visit [www.odawatrails.com](http://www.odawatrails.com) to read articles about the program or call 231-242-1474.

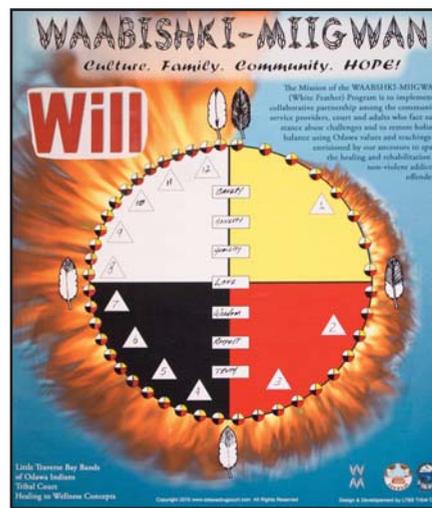
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support in a drug-court setting, so I referred him to the (Waabshki-Miigwan Drug Court) Program," May said. "If someone ends up in our court and is motivated to change, my preference is to refer the person to a program such as this.

"I thought this was the best option for him because it was something more extensive than what we could provide. This program is definitely filling a need in the tribal community for Native Americans who are motivated to change their lives."

May, who has been a judge for 16 years, presided in Tribal Court along with Associate Judge Jenny Lee Kronk for Rhymes' final adult drug court hearing on January 11, 2012. At the conclusion of the hearing, Judge Kronk dis-



# TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES



**The Little Traverse Bay Bands  
of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Council Meeting  
Tribal Court Room  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
January 8, 2012**

Closed Session: yes  
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Melvin L. Kiogima

Council Present: Legislative Leader Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer John Bott, Councilor Belinda Bardwell, Councilor John Keshick, Councilor Kevin Gasco, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor Aaron Otto

Absent: Councilor Winnay Wemigwase

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman Dexter McNamara, Vice-Chairman Julie Shananaquet

Public: Renee' Dillard, Sharon Sierzputowski, Gwen Gasco, Tom Teuthorn, Sue Gasco, Teke, Matt Davis

Invited Guests: none

9:14 a.m. Councilor Wemigwase arrived.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Keshick to adopt the agenda for to adopt the agenda as amended for January 8, 2012.

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve the minutes of December 18, 2011 as presented.

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Denemy to ratify into the record the Phone Poll dated December 20, 2011. The reason for Phone Poll: was to approve the action item within the confidential Memo dated December 20, 2011 from General Counsel Bransky and authorize and approve the Executive to implement the action tem and such funding to come from Prior Period Funds.

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Gasco to ratify into the record the Phone Poll dated December 27, 2011. The reason for Phone Poll was to acknowledge receipt of a nominee for the Prosecutor position and schedule an interview for nominee Matt Lesky for Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 1:00 p.m., contingent on the Legislative Office receiving the needed information from the Executive Office.

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Otto to ratify into the record the Phone Poll dated January 03, 2011. The reason for Phone Poll: To "authorize the action set out in Confidential Memo 010312-01 from General Counsel James Bransky."

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Elder Comments: Doug Emery spoke regarding emergency assistance and education assistance.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept receipt of the Chairman's report for January 8, 2012.

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Enrollment list A - Eligible for Citizenship dated December 21, 2011 for a total of 12.

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-

stained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Enrollment List B - Declination In-eligible dated December 21, 2011 for a total of 6.

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

10:24 a.m. Recess called.

10:36 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept Legislative Leader Kiogima's verbal and written report for January 8, 2012.

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept Secretary Gasco Bentley's verbal report for January 8, 2012.

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Otto to accept Treasurer Bott's verbal report for January 8, 2012.

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve supplemental funding request for expansion of the Grant Department in the amount of \$96,300 for fiscal year 2012 to come from prior period funds.

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve supplemental funding request to establish the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation & Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA) representative according to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2011-017 LTBB Waganakising Representative to Michigan Anishnaabeg Cultural Preservation And Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA) And Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) in the amount of \$18,000 for fiscal year 2012 to come from prior period funds.

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve supplemental funding request to establish the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and Michigan Anishinaabek Cultural Preservation & Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA) representative according to Waganakising Odawak Statute 2011-017 LTBB Waganakising Representative to Michigan Anishnaabeg Cultural Preservation And Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA) And Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) in the amount of \$18,000 for fiscal year 2012 to come from prior period funds.

Vote: 8-1-0-0 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Bardwell), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve and authorize the Executive to pay the property taxes for 229 South Huron Avenue, Mackinaw City, for FY 2012 to come from the Property Taxes line item within the Executive budget and recommend approval of any additional supplemental funds necessary to meet the obligation; and that the Executive shall present Tribal Council with future annual budgets that contain funding necessary to meet this obligation.

Vote: 7-1-0-0 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Otto) 1 - Abstained (Councilor Keshick), 0 - Absent Motion carried.

11:46 a.m. Public comment opened: Gwen Gasco spoke as a language student regarding Gijigowi Department. Tom Teuthorn spoke in support of a language department, the procurement/management of grants and Council working to make it happen. Matt Davis spoke regarding the language classes and the need for more communication. Renee Dillard spoke regarding the language. Sharon Sierzputowski spoke regarding the language classes.

12:15 p.m. Public Comment closed.

12:24 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:31 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve Judicial and Prosecutorial Appointments Policy POL-WOS 2006-003 010712-001.

Vote: 5-3-0-0 - Yes, 3 - No (Councilor Keshick, Councilor Otto, Secretary Gasco Bentley), 1 - Abstained (Councilor Wemigwase), 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Vote: 5-3-0-0 - Yes, 3 - No (Councilor Keshick, Councilor Otto, Secretary Gasco Bentley), 1 - Abstained (Councilor Wemigwase), 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Bardwell to appoint Matthew Lesky as Tribal Prosecutor to serve for a term of three (3) years.

Roll call vote: Councilor Bardwell-yes, Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Gasco-yes, Councilor Keshick-no, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-yes, Treasurer Bott-yes, Secretary Gasco Bentley-no, Legislative Leader Kiogima-yes Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Gasco to request the Executive to consider the Grant Writer positions be partially tasked with searching and applying for grants through relative policy and/or procedure that could possibly benefit out of area Citizens.

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Denemy to amend the agenda to add the draft Ambassadorial Statute to Action Items/Motions.

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Ab-

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates

**March 3 Work Session  
March 4 Council Meeting  
March 17 Work Session  
March 18 Council Meeting**

**March 31 Work Session  
April 1 Council Meeting  
April 21 Work Session  
April 22 Council Meeting**

ALL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS AND WORK SESSIONS ARE HELD IN THE TRIBAL COURTROOM LOCATED AT 7500 ODAWA CIRCLE, HARBOR SPRINGS, MI.

### Legislative

### Tribal Council Members

Melvin L. Kiogima, Legislative Leader  
Regina Gasco-Bentley, Secretary  
John Bott, Treasurer  
Aaron Wayne Otto, Councilor  
Belinda Bardwell, Councilor  
John Keshick III, Councilor  
Bill A. Denemy, Councilor  
Winnay Wemigwase, Councilor  
Kevin Gasco, Councilor

stained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

2:18 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Bardwell to go into closed session for Legal issues.

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

2:30 p.m. Legislative Leader Kiogima left the meeting.

3:26 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Treasurer Bott to return to open session.

Vote: 8-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Kiogima) Motion carried.

3:27 p.m. Recess called.

3:31 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Denemy to table the Land and Reservation Committee Report until the next regular schedule Tribal Council meeting.

Vote: 8-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve and to approve and accept the donation of land parcel located along M119, in Bear Creek Township, Emmet County, Michigan, Tax ID parcel #01-16-27-300-003 in memory of Mary Lou Kishigo-Wall.

Vote: 8-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to approve the thank you letter to Loren

H and Carol A. Wall and authorize the Tribal Chair and Legislative Leader to sign on behalf of the Tribe.

Vote: 8-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Keshick to approve Confidential Memo 010812-01.

Vote: 7-1-0-0 - Yes, 1 - No (Secretary Gasco Bentley), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to accept the Legal and Legislative Committee report as presented by Secretary Gasco Bentley for January 8, 2012.

Vote: 8-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Bardwell to approve the Tribal Council and its Committees Public Hearing Policy for General Rules of Conduct.

Vote: 8-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Kiogima) Motion carried.

Ethics Committee: no meeting to report.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept the Gaming Authority Committee verbal report for January 8, 2012.

Vote: 8-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Bardwell to post to the Legislative Calendar Membership to Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST), National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and United Tribes of Michigan draft Statutes.

Vote: 8-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Keshick to post the Tribal Chair Ambassadorial Capacity and Tribal Representative draft Statute to the Legislative Calendar.

Vote: 8-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Kiogima) Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to adjourn.

Vote: 5-3-0-0 - Yes, 3 - No (Councilor Gasco, Councilor Bardwell, Councilor Otto), 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Legislative Leader Kiogima) Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as corrected:

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date

**The Little Traverse Bay Bands  
of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Council Meeting  
Tribal Court Room  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
January 22, 2012**

Closed Session: yes  
Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Melvin L. Kiogima

Council Present: Legislative Leader Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary Regina Gasco Bentley, Treasurer John Bott, Councilor John Keshick, Councilor Aaron Otto Councilor Kevin Gasco, Councilor Bill A. Denemy

Absent: Councilor Belinda Bardwell, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairman Dexter McNamara

Public: John Liebgot, Yvonne McShane, Chuck Schofield, Alan Proctor, Wesley Andrews

Invited Guests: Bryan Gillette  
9:05 a.m. Councilor Wemigwase arrived.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Gasco to adopt the agenda as amended for January 22, 2012 in honor of Orien Corbiere.

Vote: 8-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Belinda Bardwell) Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Treasurer Bott to approve the minutes of January 8, 2012 as corrected.

Vote: 8-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Belinda Bardwell) Motion carried.

9:14 a.m. Councilor Bardwell arrived.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Secretary Gasco Bentley to ratify into the record the Phone Poll dated January 12, 2012. The reason for Phone Poll: Motion to approve the issuance of a liquor license for sale of alcoholic beverages solely for consumption on the premises at the Odawa Hotel, which is located on land held in trust for the Tribe by the United States at 1444 US 131 S. Petoskey, MI 49770, until the date of approval of Waganakising Odawak Statute 2009-019 Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board Statute by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and authorizes the Tribal Chairman to sign the license.

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Denemy to ratify into the record the Phone Poll dated January 12, 2012. The reason for Phone Poll: Motion to approve a liquor license for Biindigen for "off-premises" license to sell alcohol at 2169 US 31 North, Petoskey, MI 49770 until the date of approval of Waganakising Odawak Statute 2009-019 Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board Statute by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and authorizes the Tribal Chairman to sign the license.

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

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Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Denemy to ratify into the record the Phone Poll dated January 12, 2012. The reason for Phone Poll: Motion to approve a liquor license for Biindigen for "off-premises" license for wine sales at the Gourmet 2 Go gift shop and the Sage Restaurant at the same address, until the date of approval of Waganakising Odawak Statute 2009-019 Liquor and Tobacco Licensing Board Statute by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and authorizes the Tribal Chairman to sign the license.

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Gasco to ratify into the record the Phone Poll dated January 12, 2012. The reason for Phone Poll: Motion to approve the issuance of a liquor license for sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises at Odawa Casino Resort, which is located on land held in trust for the Tribe by the United States at 1760 Lears Road, Petoskey, MI 49770, and an "off-premises" license for wine sales at the

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Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Elder Comments: no comments.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to acknowledge the receipt of the Executive report for January 20, 2012.

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Certified Motion: Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, FY2012 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) GLRI Beaver Island Project

Vote: 9-0-0-0 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Treasurer Bott to "Minutes" continued on page 16.

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approve Certified Motion: Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, FY2012 Invasive Species Project.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve Certified Motion: Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, FY2012 Circle of Flight Project.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Keshick to approve Certified Motion: Approval of FY 2012 Tribal Transportation Improvement Program.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Certified Motion: Indian Reservation Roads Inventory Additions FY2012.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve Certified Motion: Long Range Transportation Plan FY2012.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Gasco Bentley and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to approve Certified Motion:

Requesting Road Maintenance Contract.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to accept enrollment List - C Voluntary Relinquishment date January 12, 2012 for a total 1.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Bott and supported by Councilor Denemy to authorize Tribal Chairman to sign the Tribal Transportation Accord with State of Michigan.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

10:05 a.m. recess called.

10:14 a.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by to accept Councilor Gasco to accept the verbal and written Legislative Leader report from Legislative Leader Kiogima for report for January 22, 2012.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Keshick to accept Treasurer Bott's verbal Treasurer Report January 22, 2012.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Otto to accept Land and Reservation Committee Chairperson Kiogima's verbal report for January 22, 2012.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Bardwell to accept the Gaming Authority Committee report as presented by Chairperson Kevin Gasco for January 22, 2012.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

11:46 a.m. Public Comment opened: Michele LaCount provide an FYI regarding the canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha to Saint with later this year and the annual on July 14th celebration mass at the St. Francis Solanus Indian Mission Church on Lake St in Petoskey, MI.

11:59 a.m. Public Comment closed.

12:01 p.m. Lunch recess called.

1:30 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

1:36 p.m. Councilor Wemigwase arrived.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Otto to accept Councilor Wemigwase verbal travel report regarding Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) training for January 22, 2012.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Otto to accept the verbal and written report from Legislative Services Attorney Budnick for January 22, 2012.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Treasurer Bott to accept the Waganakising Odawa Development, Inc., 4th Quarter 2011 Report as presented by Alan Proctor for Jan-

uary 22, 2012.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

2:01 p.m. Councilor Keshick excused himself from Tribal Council to participate in the Odawa Fishery, Inc., 4th Quarter 2011 Report to Tribal Council.

Motion made by Councilor Bardwell and supported by Councilor Otto to accept the Odawa Fishery, Inc., verbal and written 4th Quarter Report for 2011.

Vote: 8-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Councilor Keshick) Motion carried.

2:31 p.m. Councilor Keshick returned to Tribal Council.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept the Odawa Economic Development Management Inc., verbal and written 4th Quarter Report for 2011.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

3:17 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.

3:17 p.m. Public Comment closed.

3:17 p.m. Recess called.

3:29 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and supported by Councilor Gasco to appoint Wesley L. Andrews as the Michigan Anishnaabeg Cultural Preservation and Repatriation Alliance (MACPRA) and Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), Representative and approve the (MACPRA/ NAGPRA) Representative contract dated January 22, 2012, and authority the Tribal Chair to sign such con-

tract.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Gasco and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to authorize Tribal Council to retain legal counsel in the matter of C-120-0411 up to the amount of \$5,000 to come from the Legislative budget.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to approve the Prosecutor Compensation Contract dated January 22, 2012 and authorize the Legislative Leader to sign such Contract.

Vote: 8-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Keshick), 0 - Absent Motion carried.

4:14 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Gasco to enter into closed session for confidential business matters.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

5:12 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Denemy to return to open session.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

5:14 p.m. Motion made by Treasurer Bott and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adjourn.

Vote: 9-7-7- Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written.

Regina Gasco Bentley, Tribal Council Secretary Date

## RENEE DILLARD'S BASKET MAKING JOURNEY

By Kristi Kates

**Editor's note:** The following article about LTBB Tribal Citizen Renee Wasson Dillard appeared in the January 23, 2012 *Northern Express* and is reprinted here with permission.

A citizen of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Renee Dillard grew up south of Grand Rapids, MI, where she learned Native American black ash basket making from her grandmother. Fast forward years later, and Dillard has been honored with the Michigan Heritage Award for this very art form. Though that's probably not a term you'll want to use around her grandmother.

"The term 'arts and crafts' offended my grandmother," Dillard says. "She explained that black ash basket making was not 'arts and crafts,' but rather a whole way of life."

### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS

The Michigan Heritage Award honors individuals who continue their family and community folk traditions with authenticity and excellence. Dillard received it during the Great Lakes Folk Festival in East Lansing, MI. She was presented with two plaques, one from the Michigan State University Museum and the other from the State of Michigan. Each honored her lifetime achievements in natural fiber arts.

"I was proud of my ancestors' efforts, because through this recognition, I felt as though they were also being recognized," she says. "It is their knowledge that is being passed on through me and my son."

The process began in her youth by watching the elders of the tribe.

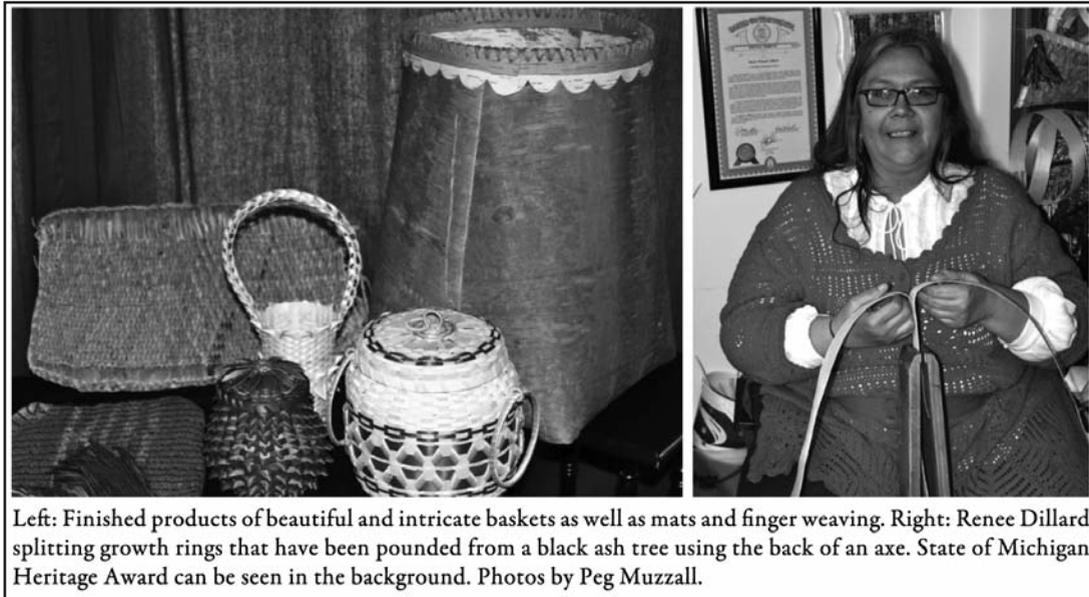
"I was fortunate to have parents who had a high value of our ancestors' traditional life ways, and sought out cultural bearers who still practiced those traditions," she explains. "Sometimes, it would be an evening activity; other times, it would be a day-long or weekend-long excursion.

"We usually shared a meal together, and there was laughter and our Native language being spoken during those times. When my grandmother saw that we were determined to hone our skills (making baskets), she offered some of her advice and expertise. I like to believe that she enjoyed that time with our family, and brought back some memories of her own."

### IMPORTANT PREPARATIONS

Creating baskets – specifically, black ash baskets, which Dillard's family specialized in – is a complex process that involves the spirit as much as the hands and eyes. It all begins with the materials.

"Searching for a proper tree with adequate size growth rings can often take a whole day or more," Dillard explains. "Prayers are spoken to offer my pledge to respect the gift of the life of the black ash tree that has been offered to me through our Mother



Left: Finished products of beautiful and intricate baskets as well as mats and finger weaving. Right: Renee Dillard splitting growth rings that have been pounded from a black ash tree using the back of an axe. State of Michigan Heritage Award can be seen in the background. Photos by Peg Muzzall.

Earth."

The black ash tree, Dillard says, thrives in swampy areas that are often hard to get to.

"Most people who have been making baskets for any length of time can tell stories about shoes and boots being sucked from their feet as they trudge through (the swamp) with the weight of a 10-inch diameter, six-foot log on their shoulders," she says. "I enjoy that process because it tends to be more secluded and peaceful."

Black ash basketry, she explains, is mostly about the preparation rather than the completed basket itself.

"I believe it works out to be about 75% preparation and 25% weaving time. It is for that reason I struggle with the question from basket collectors: 'How long did it take you to make that?'"

### THE PROCESS

Once the bark has been removed from the selected tree, the growth rings need to be pounded by the back side of an axe to coax separation from the log. Each removed growth ring is called a splint, which is usually thick and stiff with roughness on either side that had previously held to the next growth ring.

"This splint needs to be separated into a thinner, more pliable product for basket weaving," Dillard explains, "Once the splint is divided, it needs to be scraped to get any roughness worked off with a knife.

"This process requires strong hands and many hours to complete."

After the scraping is complete, the splints are sized and then used to weave the baskets themselves.

"Weaving techniques are adjusted according to splints," Dillard says. "Heavier splints are used for larger baskets and bottoms and lighter weight splints are used for embellishments and so forth. Designs are sometimes specific to certain areas, but in contemporary times, designs are often shared between families and communities."

### BASKETS NOT PLASTICS

Basket styles range from utilitarian to elaborate detailed pieces of woven art, and while they may be primarily displayed

in many peoples' homes, Dillard says they are as useful as they are beautiful.

"When my grandmother, who was born in 1898, was making and trading her baskets, they were service type baskets used for going to the market or laundry. Slowly, those baskets have been replaced by plastic tubs and modern storage containers."

"During my lifetime, I have watched baskets evolve into smaller and more detailed pieces of art," she continues. "But just imagine all the plastic bins that are used today used to be a basket back in my grandmother's generation. And all those plastic bags were not needed – most people went to the market with a black ash basket or two to carry home their groceries."

### INSPIRATIONS AND LESSONS

For Dillard, her non-Native mother, in addition to her grandmother, were the inspirations that helped her learn and share her basket making skills and knowledge with others.

"My mother's philosophy as she convinced me to learn and excel at this woodland art was: 'Native people are not ready to re-learn their own traditions from a white woman, so you must take it to them, these ways belong to Native people.' I carry those words in my heart today. She taught me that working with natural fiber such as black ash splints is an excellent way to rekindle relationships with my ancestors."

Dillard teaches basket making to a number of apprentices and workshop attendees, as well as sharing her skills with her own family.

"My son and his wife, along with their children, are learning and ready to carry on this tradition," she says. "I also have presented at various colleges and museums to non-Native audiences as well. I welcome the opportunity to bridge a better understanding of one cultural community to another."

And finally, the black ash tree itself has been an important part of Dillard's life as a messenger of nature.

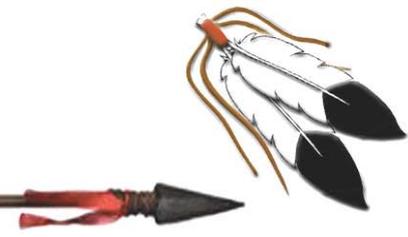
"The lessons that are learned from the black ash tree are many," she says. "Making black ash baskets is more about the process rather than the finished baskets that are created. Harvesting and processing the tree has taught me more about respect, truth, honesty, humility, not to mention stamina.

"I believe that the baskets that I make continue to carry the spirit of the tree they come from. Therefore, the tree lives in another form, and I am honored to assist in this true woodland tradition that has become a way of life for me and my family."

*Renee Dillard's baskets are available for purchase, and she is also available for selected basket-making workshops. Contact her via e-mail at [lightallaround@yahoo.com](mailto:lightallaround@yahoo.com) for more information.*

The photos of Renee Dillard appear courtesy of *Northern Express*.

# NATIVE NEWS



## MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION STUDENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM 2011/2012

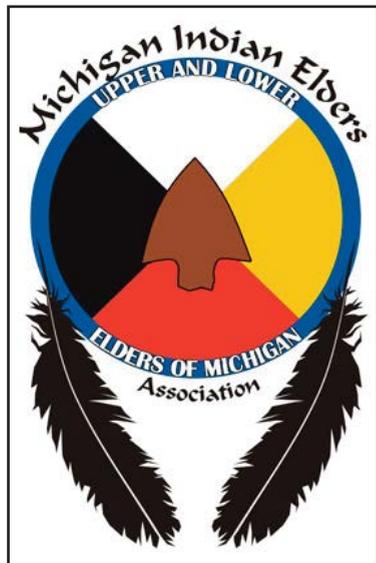
A student incentive program is being offered by the Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) to recognize students who achieve all "A's" for a marking period as well as students who achieve perfect attendance for a marking period.

There will be a minimum of \$3,000 available to fund this program this year. \$25 will be awarded for each qualified entry, up to the minimum available funds in the program. In the event that the number of qualified entries exceeds the funds available, the winners will be determined by lottery.

Here are the conditions to qualify:

- The student must be an enrolled member or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the MIEA constituent tribes/bands.
- The student must be in grades K-12 at a public or private school. (homeschooling not eligible)
- A student must be in grades 4-12 to qualify for the straight "A" award. (A-, A, A+)
- For a school system that uses a grading system based on numbers, the equivalent to straight "A's" will be acceptable.
- A student must be in grades K-12 to qualify for the perfect attendance award.

• Perfect attendance means exactly that. A student must be in school or at a school sponsored function each day of the marking period. Excused absences for anything other than a school sponsored/approved function do not constitute



perfect attendance.

- The first two marking periods of this 2011/2012 school year will be used to determine the winners for this lottery.
- A student can qualify for both the perfect attendance and straight "A's" for both marking periods. For example: Straight "A's" and perfect

attendance for both marking periods would mean four chances to win.

- A parent of the student must complete and sign the Student Incentive Program Application Form in order for the student to qualify for an award.
- A copy of the child's report card signed by the parent or a letter from an administrator of the student's school, must be submitted with the completed application form to verify the achievement of straight "A's" and perfect attendance.

The drawing to determine the winners will be held at the April 2012 meeting of the Michigan Indian Elders Association hosted by Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians.

**VERY IMPORTANT - NECESSARY!!!**

You must follow these directions for your child to be considered for an award. The completed application form, a signed report card or verification letter of achievement from a school administrator and a copy of the student's or parent's tribal identification card must be received no later than 5 p.m. on April 10, 2012. Go to [www.odawatrails.com](http://www.odawatrails.com) for the application.

*Courtesy graphic.*

### Michigan Indian Elders Association 2011/2012 Student Incentive Program Application Form

Student's Name:		Age:	Grade:
Address:		City:	
State:	Zip:	Phone:	Email:
School Name:		School Address:	
School Phone and Fax:		Principal's Name:	
Student's Social Security Number(voluntary):		All A's Number of marking periods	Perfect Attendance number of marking periods

**VERY IMPORTANT - Please attach the following documents to this completed application in order for your student to qualify and be considered:**

1. A copy of the student's report card signed by his/her parent and/or a letter from an administrator in his/her school stating the marking periods for which he/she have had all A's or perfect attendance; (note: student must be in grades 4 through 12 to qualify for all A's and K through 12 for perfect attendance)
2. A copy of the student's tribal membership card; (if the student doesn't have a card please include a copy of a parent's tribal card)
3. NOT REQUIRED, however, if a photograph of the student is available which could be used in promotion of the program please enclose with the completed application. Please write the student's name on the back of the picture.

I certify that all the information given is true and correct. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of funds and the Michigan Indian Elders Association program coordinator may verify the information on the application with my child's school. I further give consent for the use of my child's name and/or likeness for the promotion of this program.

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail the preceding information to: Leah Fodor C/O MIEA PO BOX 218, Dorr MI 49323

All information **Must Be Received** by **5:00 p.m. on April 10, 2012** to be eligible for the program.

## 2012 LTBB Return Supper

LTBB Governmental Center  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
Saturday, April 14, 2012  
5pm-8:30pm



Dinner & Dancing  
featuring "Countryside Band"

For more information, contact:  
Jannan J. Cornstalk 231-622-6001  
[jcornstalk7777@yahoo.com](mailto:jcornstalk7777@yahoo.com)  
Trish Booth 231-838-6547  
Patrick Naganashe 231-838-2256



The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Human Services Department is in need of foster parents!!!

Our Native children need Native foster families to care for them, ensuring that they embrace our culture and are given a chance to grow in our community.

If you have the time and desire to be a foster parent for our youth, please contact Human Services at 231-242-1620.

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**C**hoose what you think and what you do  
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**S**ensitivity to sugar and white flour foods

There are 10 sessions, held once a month, on the third Thursday.  
Sessions start on March 15, 2012, 1pm to 2pm  
LTBB Governmental Center ~ Rm. 312  
Call Community Health @ 231-242-1601 to sign up  
Your FRESH TRACKS leader will be Betty Noland, RD

Questions? E-mail [bettynoland@shaw.ca](mailto:bettynoland@shaw.ca)

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"Eagle" continued from front cover.

meat. The property owner had his horse euthanized and put it in his field for coyote bait. We disposed of the carcass, so it wouldn't harm any other animals."

Prior to the eagle's release, LTBB Tribal Citizen Leonard "Joe" Mitchell performed a ceremony, asked those in attendance to make an offering of tobacco to the eagle and to pray to the eagle. He also explained the significance of the eagle in the Native culture. Eagles are believed to be messengers between the Creator and the Native people.

"This eagle came to us to bring us together," Mitchell said. "It came here for a reason. This is not just a national bird to us; this is a vital part of our lives. Pray in your own way. There is no wrong way of praying because it comes from your heart."

The Woodland Singers sang prior to the release of the eagle, which weighed 15 pounds.

As Lessard spoke prior to the release of the eagle, two eagles flew in the distance.

To view videos of the eagle release, visit <http://tinyurl.com/ltbbeaglerelease>.

*The photos by M. Chris Leese appear courtesy of the Petoskey News-Review. The photos by Wally Barkley appear courtesy of Wally Barkley. The photo of Mike McCreery and Max Field with the eagle appears courtesy of the Nature Resource Department.*



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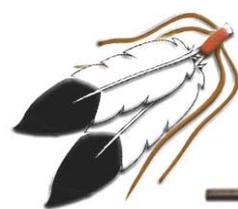
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# LINES FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP

## Birthdays

Happy belated birthday to my brother, **Kennard**. Love, Ritha & Jonathan. ☺

Oopsee ... missed the February deadline to say happy birthday to my **Peep!** WOW, are you 5 already Avery Elizabeth?! We love you, Grandma Michele and Grandpa Guido.

**Collin**, you are a very special boy, and we love you very much. Happy birthday on March 6th. Love, Grandma and Grandpa Sutton.

Happy birthday to our brother, **Raymond Bottoms**, on March 19. Your kindness is always appreciated. Have a great year! From your brothers, sisters and family.

Happy birthday to **Sharon "Nana" Sanders** on March 24. Your sisters, brothers, daughters and grandbabies all wish you happiness on your special day.

The Bottoms family sends our sister, **Jo Ann Seay**, happy birthday wishes on March 30. Wishing you much happiness!

Happy birthday to **Jarrett Shananaquet, Ian Uleski, Elaina Naganashe, Arlene Naganashe, Gary Miller, Jr., Mark Shenoskey, Francis Boda, Michelle Holmes and Aliazah Rosemarie**. From Dorothy and Don Boda.

Looky! Looky! ~ who's turning 30?!! Happy birthday **Lizard**.... Love, Chrissy and the fam.

Happy 1st birthday **Miss Alivia** ... Aunt Chrissy loves you!

Happy birthday **Jen Yuhn!** It's going to be a great year. XO Love, Chrissy, Joe and the kids.

Happy birthday to my grandson, **Jayden J. Young**. Have a great day, and remember Grandma loves you with all her heart and misses you like crazy!! All my love, Grandma Judy.



MnoDibishkaa Ngwis, **Cody Bigjohn III** (CeeDee/SiiDii) Gye geyaabi gaachii'enh-gwiiwzenhs gdaawsii, nini gdaaw. Aapiji Gazaa-gin, enwek sigo!

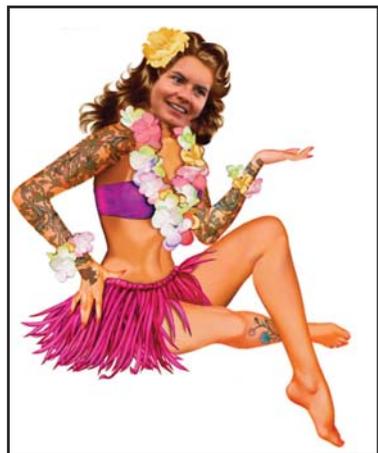
Happy birthday to my granddaughter, **Hailey Kay Field**. Have a great day, and know Grammy loves you with all her heart! All my love, Grandma Judy.

Happy birthday to **Bo Booth** on March 3rd! With much love from your family.

Happy birthday to my husband, **Jason Peterson**, who celebrates on March 12th, I love you! ~Tina.

## Birthdays

Happy 30th birthday - OMG 30 hehehe ... Mrs. **Mnoomin** on March 1st. Now, you will have 1-yr of "30-something." Love ya Lizzylou, Mom and the AxMan.



Happy birthday **Cherie**. Have a great March 15th. Hope you have a good time in Hawaii. Keep up the good work in law school, you're almost there. From Guess Who.

Happy birthday to my youngest son, **Skippy Skippergosh**. Wishing you the best in life, and know I love you with all my heart! The years have flown by way too fast!!! All my love, Mom.

Mno Dbishkan Ndaanis **Jannan Wahkuna Cotto**. Love Gashi Jannan J. Cornstalk. Love you Kune!!

Happy birthday my precious **Mommy and Daddy**. We will all be celebrating the big **90th birthday bash** for Daddy, and know you will be with us!! Love and miss you every day!! All my love, Judy.

Happy birthday to **Collin Michael Sutton** on March 6, we love and miss you lots! ~Aunt Tina & Uncle Jason.

MinoDibishkaak ndanwendaa-ganak! Nmisenh **Regina Kiogima**, Niitaawisak **Judy Pierzynowski** miinaa **Clint Boulton**. Gwiiinwaa ningonisak, **Carter McFall, Jr., Justin McFall**, niizho-ode'ak **Niizhu Yellowbank** miinwaa **Haga Yellowbank**, miinawaa **Jamie Chamblee**. Minwendaa-gwazik, Gzaaginim, Carla.

Happy birthday **Mom/Grandma** on March 7th!! I hope you have a wonderful day. We love you! Your favorite daughter, Terri, your favorite son-in-law, Pete, and Big D!

Happy birthday to **Johnny Willis** on March 21st! I hope you enjoy your day!! We love you, Terri, Pete, Big D & Mom.

Happy birthday to a very special great-grandson, **Collin Sutton** (Little Michael), on March 6th. Hope you have a very special day. Love, Great-Grandma and Grandpa Petoskey.

Happy birthday **JennyPenny** on March 28th, #35 - WOW - 5 more years - hehehe! We love you very much, and can't wait for you and Drew to come home! Love, Mom and Greg.

Happy birthday **Chrissy**, #37 - wait - wait don't tell me ... yes, 3 more years! Hehehe. Love you and congrats on your new job! Love, Mom & Greg.

Happy 1st birthday to our little **Livlou**, we love you, Alivia Louise! Grandma Michele and Grandpa Guido.

## Birthdays

Happy belated birthday to **Carla McFall**. Happy birthday **Judy Pierzynowski**. Love, Cuzo Pauline. :0)

Happy birthday to my wonderful son, **Jeff Gokee**. We love you very much. Have a super, fantastic year. Love, Mom & Kacie.

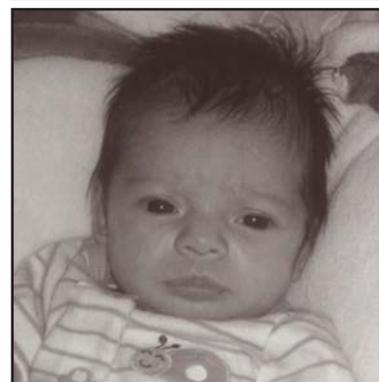
Happy birthday to my "favorite Aunt **Tootsie**." May your day be golden. ha ha. Love Linda, Jeff & Kacie.

Happy 1st birthday **Livvylou**, we love you! Love, Mom, Dad & Avery.

## Anniversary

Happy anniversary to **Clara and Gary Miller**. From Dorothy and Don Boda.

## Birth Announcements



**Lauren Alivia Shananaquet-Hume** was born on December 16, 2011, weighing six pounds and one ounce. Parents are Shannon and Cole Shananaquet-Hume, grandmother is Marilyn Hume and great-grandmother is Nancy Shananaquet.



The Willis and Shananaquet families would like to announce the most sacred of gifts that is extended from our Creator, the birth of **Mzhakwod John Shananaquet**, born two months early on January 27, 2012 in Grand Rapids, MI, to proud parents, LTBB Tribal Citizen Tiffany Willis and Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Tribal Citizen Paul Shananaquet.



Welcome to our world, **Cyrus Laurdon Skippergosh**. Born February 2, 2012, weighing seven pounds and 9.5 ounces and 18.5 inches long. Your whole family is so very proud of you, my daughter, Laura!!!! I know you will be a FANTASTIC MOMMY!!!! All my love, Mom.

## LTBB TRIBAL COMMUNITY REMEMBERS ORIEN CORBIERE

By **Annette VanDeCar**, Communications Coordinator

A tragic auto accident claimed the life of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Language Instructor **Orien Corbiere** on January 14, 2012.

**Corbiere** previously worked for the LTBB Language Program as the Curriculum Specialist from March 2008 to March 2009, and taught Anishinaabemowin at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, MI, for two years.

**Corbiere**, a fluent speaker originally from Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada, also worked for his tribe as the Literacy Coordinator, had started a community television station for his tribe and had worked in the forestry industry as a tree harvester for 15 years before teaching the language at various levels.

He earned a Native Language Teaching Certificate, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Native Studies, a Bachelor's degree in Education and a Master's degree in Education, all from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada.

**Corbiere**, one of 11 children, grew up hearing only the language spoken at home, and he considered it his first language. He started speaking English in kindergarten.

The following LTBB Tribal Citizens shared their thoughts and memories of **Corbiere**:

**Carla McFall**: "Orien touched the hearts, minds and lives of so many people here in our community. He was very passionate about his work and was dedicated to helping revitalize our Anishinaabe language. He cared deeply about Anishinaabek and helping others. At the same time, he was a light-hearted and humorous man who conveyed optimism and encouragement to others. He always made his students laugh and his classes fun. He was quick-witted, and I have referred to him, on occasion, as the 'nutty professor' because he was extremely intelligent, but he also had a goofy side. We will miss being pleasantly surprised to see Orien and Dollie arrive at a gathering. We'll always remember him, the lasting impression he made on us, and his positive impact on our community. Giizhigong dash iyaa Gichi-Nishinaabemwin-Ogichidaa-Nini."

**Yvonne Walker-Keshick**: "Orien was a very good friend to everyone. He was a kind, sensitive man who loved children and animals. He enjoyed good conversation, had a great sense of humor, was very social and was a talented Language technician, meaning he gave the root words and multi-uses of the Odawa language and was always ready to learn new ways on how to teach the language. His journey to the spirit world leaves a huge scar in the hearts of the Native community. I hope his love for teaching and learning rubs off on

his students and continues on in the spirit of his students. I hope the pain of loss for Orien's loved ones passes as each day goes on without him, Ba maa pii Nii Jii."

**Alice Yellowbank**: "I was

shocked and deeply saddened to hear Orien Corbiere had walked on to the spirit world. It makes one wonder why someone with so much to offer our Anishinaabe people would be taken at the prime of his life. We can only surmise Gzhem-nido has something greater in store for him. As

a former student and a friend, Orien was a compassionate person, and he treated his students with love and respect. There was no doubt that teaching and keeping Anishinaabemowin alive and thriving had the highest priority in his life. I will always remember Orien Corbiere as a kind and gentle man and a great teacher. My heart goes out to Dollie and his family."

The photo of Orien Corbiere appears courtesy of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

**Orien A. Corbiere, 53**

Orien A. Corbiere began his journey to the spirit world on January 14, 2012.

He was well known and respected for sharing his passion of 'Nishinaabemowin, especially its morphology. He taught 'Nishinaabemowin in college and community classrooms, culture camps and also on the world wide web.

He was employed by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He helped Forest County Potawatomi (Wisconsin) in their language preservation efforts as well as other organizations.

Some of his many other interests included woodworking, music, barbecuing and making pickled eggs, traveling and visiting his many friends and making new ones along the way. He enjoyed "tinkering" and was very tech savvy.

Orien was predeceased by parents, Mabel M. (nee Pitawanakwat) and Paul G. Corbiere, and by sisters, Rosalind Shigwadja and Ellen M. Migwans. He is survived by his beloved partner, Dollie Keway, whom he affectionately called "Love-ness." Also surviving are sisters, Gertrude Shawanda of Birch Island, Veronica A. Corbiere, Caroline Corbiere, Nancy Corbiere (Ken Ireland) and Shirley Kaiser (Klaus); brothers, Archie Corbiere (Hilda), Alvin (Ted) Corbiere (predeceased Angelina) and George L. Corbiere; followed by his godchildren, Kirby Corbiere and Joanne Corbiere, all of M'Chigeeng First Nation, Ontario, Canada.

He will be sadly missed by all of his siblings, many nieces and nephews as well as extended family, students and friends.

Everyone who had the chance to know this wonderful man will know that there was never a dull moment with Orien.



# MAYOR BERNERO, SAULT TRIBE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCE \$245 MILLION DOWNTOWN LANSING CASINO PROJECT WOULD CREATE 2,200 JOBS, SUPPORT SAULT TRIBE MEMBER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, FUND THE LANSING PROMISE SCHOLARSHIPS

**Editor's note:** The following is a joint press release from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the City of Lansing dated January 23, 2012

LANSING, Mich. — Mayor Virg Bernero and Michigan's largest federally recognized Indian tribe today announced plans for a \$245 million downtown Lansing casino to be built in the heart of the city's entertainment district.

The 125,000-square-foot Kewadin Lansing Casino, to be owned and operated by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, would create an estimated 1,500 permanent jobs at the property and more than 700 construction jobs. A temporary casino would open in advance of the opening of the permanent facility.

The Tribe will use the casino revenues to improve programs and services to members, including health care, education, housing, elder care, social services, and more. In addition, 10 percent of the revenues will be deposited into the Tribe's Self Sufficiency Fund that benefits elders and future investments.

The City of Lansing will use its annual revenue payments from the facility to create the Lansing Promise, a program to fund four-year college scholarships for Lansing School District graduates.

"This exciting project is a game changer for downtown Lansing and will provide another major boost to our efforts to revitalize Michigan's capital city," Bernero said. "It will create thousands of good jobs, attract tens of thousands of tourists to the region, and generate enough revenue to allow our city to send all of our school district graduates to college."

"Kewadin Lansing Casino will generate significant economic benefits for Sault Tribe members in addition to creating thousands of good jobs," said Sault Tribe Chairman Joe Eitrem. "We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to join with the city and people of Lansing as we seek to exercise our sovereign government's legal right to develop Kewadin Lansing Casino."

Construction on the casino, to be located at Michigan Avenue and Cedar Street on property adjacent to the Lansing Center, will begin as soon as a development agreement and land transfers are approved. A development agreement between the City of Lansing, Lansing Economic Development Corp., and the Sault Tribe's Kewadin Gaming Authority was to be filed today for consideration by the Lansing City Council. The Sault Tribe's Board of Directors is expected to formally consider the agreement tomorrow.

The project will be built on City of Lansing-owned land to

be purchased by the Sault Tribe. The Tribe will file an application with the U.S. Department of the Interior to take the land into trust as tribal lands under a specific provision of the federal Land Claims Act that gives only the Sault Tribe the legal right to the



process. The Tribe's intent is to open the casino after receiving federal approval.

Bernero said the casino would generate about \$6 million or more a year in revenue sharing payments to the city, enough to create the Lansing Promise to guarantee four-year college scholarships for every graduate of the Lansing School District who resides in the district. The Lansing Promise will be modeled after the highly successful Kalamazoo Promise. Bernero said former Lansing Mayor David Hollister will chair a steering committee of community leaders, which will report back in six months on a recommended structure and process for the scholarship program.

"I can't think of a better way to put casino revenues to good use than to offer our graduates from the Lansing School District scholarships to attend college," Hollister said. "And I'm delighted to chair this extraordinary effort."

Plans for the Kewadin Lansing Casino include up to 3,000 slot machines and 48 table games, and assorted bars and restaurants in an urban modern themed property. Bernero and the Sault Tribe said the casino would be built by union trade labor and the casino staffed by union employees who are paid competitive wages and benefits. The project will include two parking decks with about 2,900 total spaces. It is estimated the casino will generate about \$250 million a year in gross revenues.

The Sault Tribe has successfully operated Indian casinos in the state since 1984 and currently owns five Kewadin Casino properties in the eastern Upper Peninsula. With more than 40,000 members, the Sault Tribe is the largest federally-recognized tribe east of the Mississippi and one of the largest job providers in Northern Michigan with 1,900 employees at its casin

nos, other businesses, and tribal government agencies. Chairman Eitrem said he and the tribal Board of Directors are "thrilled by the enthusiasm for the project from Mayor Bernero and his team and the cooperative spirit we have found throughout the City of Lansing."

"We have a true partnership in Lansing," Eitrem said. "We have found in Mayor Bernero and his team people who are committed to developing a first-class gaming facility in a spirit of mutual respect and cooperation. They sincerely want jobs and opportunities for their citizens and students just as we seek to provide jobs, services and a better future to our tribal members through gaming."

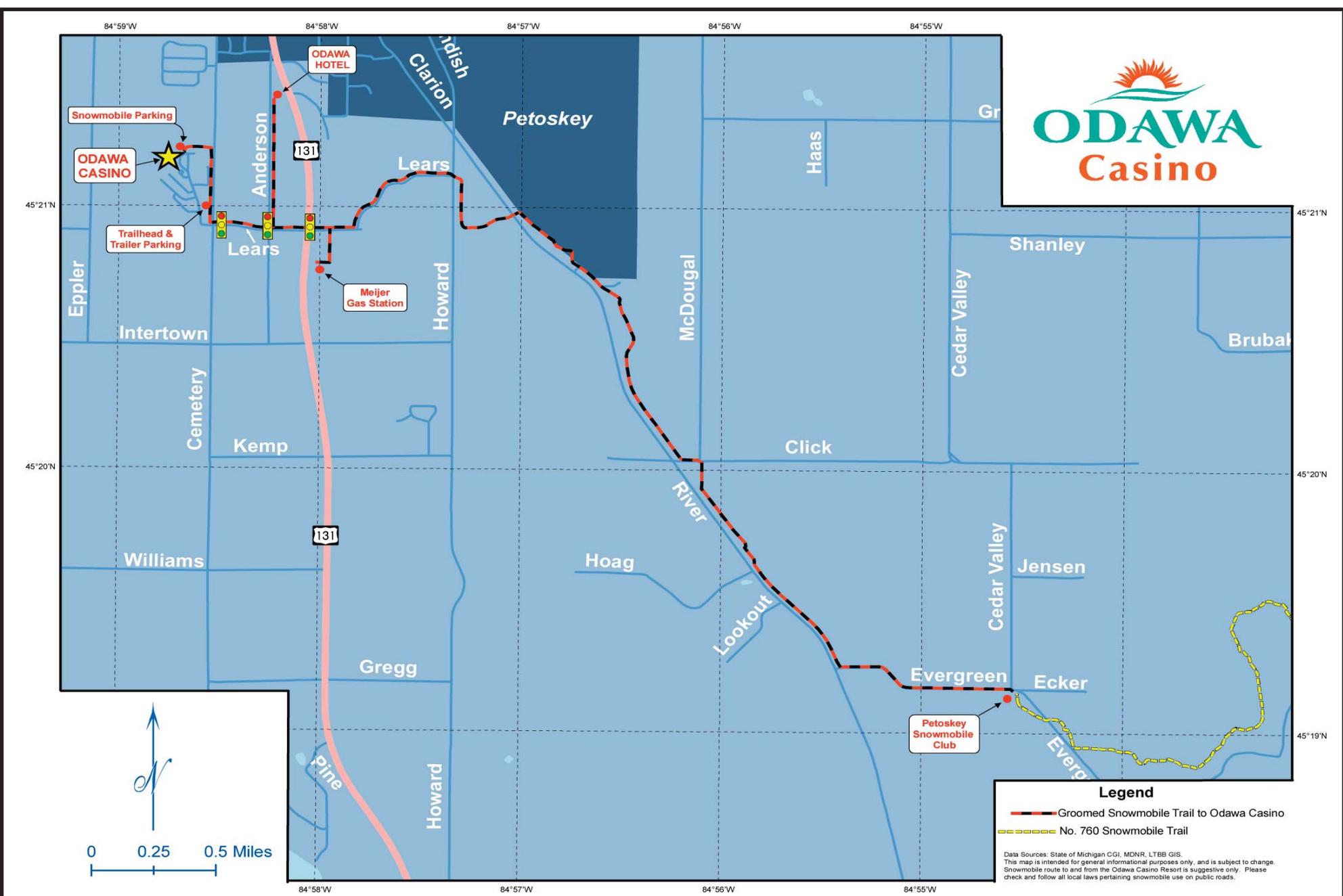
As the Sault Tribe seeks approval for the project from the federal government, Bernero and Eitrem said they expect challenges to the application.

"We know this will be a difficult process, but anything worth fighting for is seldom easy," Bernero said. "Many Michigan cities and their casinos have enjoyed the economic benefits of gaming for years, even decades. We believe Lansing has the same right to those benefits. We believe thousands of good jobs for Lansing and college degrees for thousands of Lansing students are worth fighting for."

### Kewadin Lansing Casino

#### At a Glance ...

- Temporary casino: about 15,000 square feet of gaming space (350 to 500 slot machines)
- Permanent casino: about 125,000 square feet of gaming space (up to 3,000 slot machines and 48 table games)
- Total project footprint: about 279,000 square feet (to be built adjacent to the Lansing Center at Cedar Street and Michigan Avenue, downtown Lansing)
- Total project budget: about \$245 million (\$135 million for the casino, \$65 million for parking decks, \$45 million for slot machines/tables/related equipment and technology)
- Estimated annual revenues: \$250 million
- Estimated 1,500 full-time jobs at the casino
- Estimated 700 construction jobs
- Construction timeline: 14-18 months to build the casino and the parking decks after groundbreaking
- About 2,900 parking spots in two decks (400-space garage to be built along the east side of the Lansing Center at Michigan and Cedar; 2,500-space garage to be built north of Cooley Law School Stadium)
- Design theme: urban modern
- Assorted bars and restaurants
- "Comp" program to support existing local restaurants, bars and other possible partners



# MICHIGAN TRIBES CONDEMN LANSING MAYOR VIRG BERNERO FOR RACIAL SLUR TOWARD NATIVE AMERICANS IN PROFANE TIRADE

**Editor's note:** The following is a joint press release from the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe dated January 30, 2012.

**LANSING, Mich.** – Today, two federally recognized tribal governments called on City of Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero to issue a public apology for using a racial slur toward Native Americans.

Bernero's statements were witnessed by hundreds of people at the City-owned Lansing Center on Thursday January 26.

Bernero repeatedly used profanity, and racial slurs, in describing the controversy that ensued after he and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians announced plans for an off-reservation casino at the Lansing Center; 287 miles from that Tribe's government offices. Parents with children in attendance were visibly upset by Bernero's behavior. Bernero appeared on stage with a bull's-eye pasted on his back to suggest he is under fire from bows and arrows.

The inappropriate remarks were made at the politician's breakfast fundraiser. Bernero was the Democratic nominee for governor in the 2010 election. He was defeated by Governor Rick Snyder.

"We call on Mayor Bernero to issue a public apology, take sensitivity training, and refrain from racially-charged lan-

guage in the public discourse," said Dennis Kequom, Chief of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. "Racial slurs by government officials against Native Americans conjure images of a bygone era of destructive policies that resulted in centuries of genocide and poverty."

Earlier in the week Bernero told reporters that he has sought an off-reservation Indian casino in Lansing since 2005. Since then he spoke to a number of federally recognized Indian tribes.

"The mayor's remarks are particularly offensive in light of the fact that he has partnered with the Sault Tribe on his casino aspirations. I call on my fellow chairmen across Indian Country, especially the Sault Tribe chairman, to join me in condemning these vile remarks. A racial slur is made against not one of us, but all of us," said Kequom.

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi and Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe raised numerous substantive arguments against the proposed off-reservation casino. Both tribes object because the Sault Tribe's land claims legal theory would lead to unlimited off-reservation casinos, and abolish the regulatory structure of Indian gaming which is essential to its continued viability. The Sault Tribe would also breach the tribal-state compact requirement (Section 9) to obtain a written agreement by all federally recognized tribes prior to seeking an off-reservation casino.

# MICHIGAN HOMEOWNERS CAN APPLY FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Submitted by John Kawegoma, property may apply for tax relief. Peo-  
LTBB Tribal Citizen

As many of us know, times are hard here in the great state of Michigan. These hard times have hit home maybe for you or for someone in your family. It could be the loss of a job or a cut in work hours. Whatever the reason, it is difficult when it happens. Here in Michigan, Laws and Public Acts are enacted. Some are for the benefit of the general public. This is one such Public Act: MCL 211.7u of the General Property Tax Act. Under this act, a person who is the owner and resident of the said real estate



ple can contact their township, village or city office and ask for a Hardship Exemption Application. Once you get the application, fill it out and call

your local office to make an appointment to go before the Board of Review. This Board of Review will review your application and other documents, so it can make a judgment or take vote as to your level of poverty. The board will make a decision as to exempt from taxation in part or whole of your property tax bill. Please request this information and application as soon as possible because most local offices hold their Board of Review hearing within the first three months of the year. I submit this information in hopes it can help someone in need.

*Courtesy graphic.*

## THE GENERAL PROPERTY TAX ACT (EXCERPT) Act 206 of 1893

**211.7u Principal residence of persons in poverty; exemption from taxation; applicability of section to property of corporation; eligibility for exemption; application; policy and guidelines to be used by local assessing unit; duties of board of review; appeal of property assessment; "principal residence" defined.**

Sec. 7u. (1) The principal residence of persons who, in the judgment of the supervisor and board of review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute toward the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under this act. This section does not apply to the property of a corporation.

(2) To be eligible for exemption under this section, a person shall do all of the following on an annual basis:

(a) Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.

(b) File a claim with the supervisor or board of review on a form provided by the local assessing unit, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year. The filing of a claim under this subsection constitutes an appearance before the board of review for the purpose of preserving the claimant's right to appeal the decision of the board of review regarding the claim.

(c) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification if requested by the supervisor or board of review.

(d) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if required by the supervisor or board of review.

(e) Meet the federal poverty guidelines updated annually in the federal register by the United States department of health and human services under authority of section 673 of subtitle B of title VI of the omnibus budget reconciliation act of 1981, Public Law 97-35, 42 U.S.C.

9902, or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body of the local assessing unit provided the alternative guidelines do not provide income eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines.

(3) The application for an exemption under this section shall be filed after January 1 but before the day prior to the last day of the board of review.

(4) The governing body of the local assessing unit shall determine and make available to the public the policy and guidelines the local assessing unit uses for the granting of exemptions under this section. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and total household income and assets.

(5) The board of review shall follow the policy and guidelines of the local assessing unit in granting or denying an exemption under this section unless the board of review determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and guidelines and the substantial and compelling reasons are communicated in writing to the claimant.

(6) A person who files a claim under this section is not prohibited from also appealing the assessment on the property for which that claim is made before the board of review in the same year.

(7) As used in this section, "principal residence" means principal residence or qualified agricultural property as those terms are defined in section 7dd.

History: Add. 1980, Act 142, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1980; ¾Am. 1993, Act 313, Eff. Mar. 15, 1994; ¾Am. 1994, Act 390, Imd. Eff. Dec. 29, 1994; ¾Am. 2002, Act 620, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 2002; ¾Am. 2003, Act 140, Eff. Jan. 1, 2004.

Popular name: Act 206

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# CITY OF LANSING MAYOR VIRG BERNERO DENIES USE OF RACIAL SLUR, OFFERS APOLOGY

City of Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero issued the following statement on January 30, 2012: "My passionate support for Lansing and our casino project may have gotten the better of me, but none of my remarks were directed toward Native Americans, and nothing I said can fairly be construed as a racial slur

despite our opponent's attempt to spin it that way. I make no apologies for using strong language against our opponents, who have made some very impertinent remarks about me, but I do offer my heartfelt and sincere apology to any and all who were offended by my choice of words."

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Housing Department  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
231-242-1540  
Fax: 231-242-1550**

**WAH-WAHS-NOO DA KE  
Elder Housing Development**

## Application Availability Notification

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Housing Department is accepting applications for our Elder Housing Development located in Harbor Springs, MI. The Wah-Wahs-Noo Da Ke Elder Housing Development consists of twelve, two (2) bedroom units nestled in a peaceful, country setting north of Harbor Springs, MI. Applicants must meet the following guidelines:

- MUST BE A MEMBER OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE
- MUST BE 55-YEARS OF AGE, HANDICAP AND/OR DISABLED OF ANY AGE
- MUST BE INCOME QUALIFIED - RENT BASED ON INCOME

Please note that Tribal identification and ALL household income/asset information must accompany your application.

Please contact the Housing Department for more information at 231-242-1540.



**Barrier Free Units Available  
Equal Housing Opportunity  
TDD: 800-649-3777**

# HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

Services are available to citizens residing within the 27 county service area. An application packet must be completed and returned to the Housing Dept. for processing to determine qualification. To obtain an application, please contact the Housing Dept. at 231-242-1540.

**Short Term Rental Assistance:** This program offers up to \$1,500 for new tenants who need assistance with the first month's rent and/or security deposit. This can be used ONE TIME ONLY and the rent requested must be affordable and can NOT exceed 35% of the household gross monthly income. Please note the application packet must be received and approved in advance of your moving into the rental in order to qualify for this program.

**Home Improvement Program:** This program offers up to \$2,500 for non-cosmetic home repairs and may be utilized once every five years.

**Down Payment Assistance:** This program offers up to \$2,500 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) and can be used to purchase or refinance a home. In order for you to receive any grant dollars, you must be able to match the grant amount with your own guaranteed funds.

**Foreclosure Prevention Program:** This program offers up to \$3,000 to assist in foreclosure prevention.

**Well & Septic Assistance Program:** Funded by the Indian Health Services located in Sault Ste. Marie, MI this program provides the resources and technical assistance associated with the installation of a new well and sanitation service or replacement of deficient existing well/septic.

**Credit Counseling:** We provide confidential advice and referrals to assist tribal citizens in regaining their financial stability and credibility.

**Tribal Rental Housing Program:** The LTBB Housing Department offers 29 rental units in the Northern Michigan area. These units are available to rent to Tribal Citizens and most rents are based on a family's monthly income. Any Tribal Citizen interested in renting a unit from the LTBB Housing Department should contact our offices for an application. Currently, there is a waiting list for available units.

## Moving?

If you move, please contact the Enrollment Office and we will send you an address verification form.

Forms are also available at [www.lttbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.lttbbodawa-nsn.gov). Click on Offices/Government Center/Enrollment Department and click on the appropriate form. The adult form must be printed on legal size paper and the minor form on letter size paper. We will continue to add forms there in the future.

It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or custodial parent to complete an address verification form.

If you are a custodial parent, please provide proof by documentation.

Once a minor turns 18, you must contact the Enrollment Office and complete an address verification form or we will mark you as undeliverable.

If you are incarcerated and would like to continually receive the newsletter, you must keep your address current.

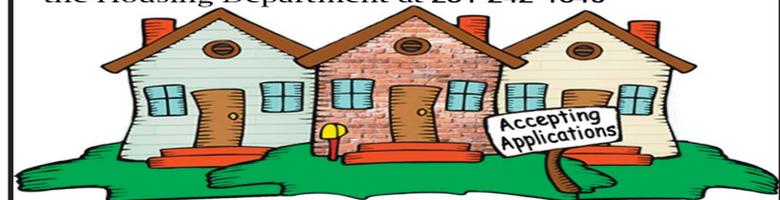
Towards the end of the year, we will notify you for purposes of the per capita payment.

Adult verification form must be witnessed.

Minor verification form must be notarized.

**Contact Enrollment Assistant Linda Gokee at 231-242-1521 or Enrollment Officer Pauline Boulton at 231-242-1520.**

**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**  
For the Mtigwaakiis housing development. Tribal Preference applies. For more information, contact the Housing Department at 231-242-1540

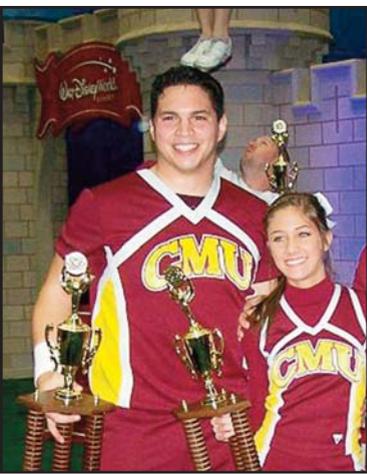


**Equal Housing Opportunity TDD: 800-649-3777**

# NATIVE NEWS BRIEFS

## LTBB Tribal Citizen Overcomes Potential Career-Ending Injury to Compete at Cheerleader Nationals

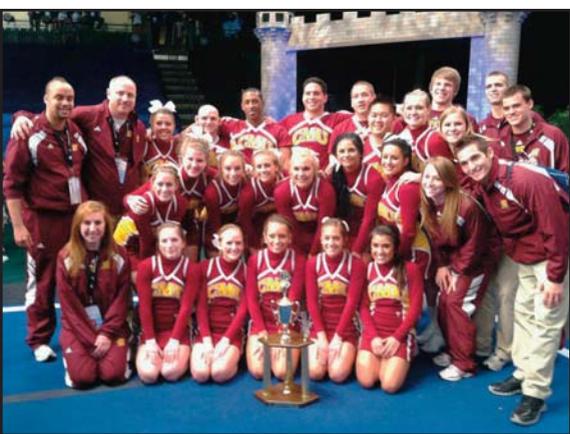
Central Michigan University's Carter Kiogima, a



LTBB Tribal Citizen, and Jessy Howe finished eighth in the partner stunt competition at the Universal Cheerleader Association Nationals at the Walt Disney World's Wide World of Sports held January 13-15, 2012, in Orlando, FL. They also helped

Central Michigan University's co-ed cheer team finish sixth there.

Kiogima, a senior, and Howe, a junior, were competing in their first nationals against teams from colleges all over the United States and from five countries. Unlike the other stunt teams there, they had only been training for a little more than three months for the event due to a severe leg injury suffered by Kiogima.



In October 2010 while training for the 2011 nationals, Howe came down wrong and landed on Kiogima's leg, breaking his leg in three places and dislocating his ankle. He endured three surgeries and a severe infection which required him to return home to Traverse City, MI, in July 2011. He was homebound with a continuous IV and had an in home health nurse taking care of him. His doctor said his career was likely over, however, Kiogima was determined to continue his career. After months of surgeries, setbacks and physical therapy, he started practicing again in October 2011.

Kiogima is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Social and Criminal Justice with a minor in Political Science and expects to graduate in spring 2013 after missing a year of college due to the surgeries. He plans to pursue a Master's

degree after that, and as long as he is in college, he can continue competing.

*Courtesy photos.*

## LTBB Tribal Citizen Captures Swim Championship for Second Consecutive Year

LTBB Tribal Citizen Kyle Shomin claimed a five-event swim championship in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, on January 21, 2012. The 11th Annual Sunrise Rotary Pen-



athlon came down to the last event for Kyle, and when the waters calmed, he stood as overall champion for the second year in a row. Kyle swam personal bests in four out of five events, and his overall time of 2:43.0 was 1.49 seconds faster than 2010. His times for this year were 24.85 seconds in the 50-meter butterfly, 27.21 seconds in the 50-meter backstroke, 30.23 seconds in the 50-meter breaststroke, 22.84 seconds in the 50-meter freestyle and 57.87 seconds in the 100-meter individual medley. Kyle is a freshman at Grand Valley State University.

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## LTBB Tribal Citizen Shatters Two Central Michigan University Indoor Track and Field Records

LTBB Tribal Citizen Tecumseh Adams broke two Central Michigan University (CMU) indoor track and field records in the span of seven days recently. He set the CMU indoor record in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 13:53.08 at the Indiana Relays on January 28, 2012. He set the CMU indoor record in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 8:02.39 at the Ryan Shay Memorial Invitational on February 4, 2012. Adams is a sophomore, majoring in anthropology.



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## AGRICULTURE FOR TOMORROW CONFERENCE

Do you want the latest information on cash crops grown in the Upper Peninsula? Do you grow food to sell? Do you farm for profit or are you interested in learning about agritourism & direct marketing your farm? If so, the Michigan State University Extension's Agriculture for Tomorrow conference is something you won't want to miss. Get the latest information and ideas from Upper Peninsula farmers, Michigan State University Extension and industry experts. The conference will be held Tuesday, March 6th, 2012, from 9:30 ~ 4:00 pm EST at the Heirman University Center at Bay de Noc Community College in Escanaba.

Twenty classes are offered focusing on agriculture in the Upper Peninsula. Each participant chooses to attend four classes. Topics include: home food preservation, the 2010 cottage food law guidelines and bringing your product to the retail level, starting a business, raising poultry for profit, the ins and outs of northern vinology/wine making, agritourism & direct marketing your farm, senior farmers market nutrition program information, the results and overview of the 2011 U.P. agriculture assessment survey with information on the state of small farms and the renaissance in small-scale production in the U.P., commodity grain production, getting the most out of your combine, processing grain and forage to improve digestibility in dairy rations, preventing and treating lameness in dairy cattle and raising dairy steer calves.

Also available for MI Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program Phase I credit are sessions on grow-

ing corn for grain, grazing idle acres, principles of managed grazing, cover crop selections, noxious and invasive weeds in U.P. fields, high quality silage making for corn and alfalfa for dairy production and on-farm grain storage and handling.

During lunch, keynote speaker, Gary Sipiorski, will address the growing revenues from large and small farms and the importance of profitability. Sipiorski is employed by Vita Plus Corporation in Madison, Wisconsin, is a meeting advisor for the Professional Dairy Producers of Wisconsin and writes for Hoard's Dairyman and many other agricultural publications. He has an animal science degree and also graduated from the Graduate School of Banking. Sipiorski has many years of experience working in the dairy feed industry, has been a Future Farmers of America officer and has worked for many years in the banking industry working primarily with dairy producers. He serves on the Advisory Council on Agriculture, Industry and Labor for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Gary served as state and national director of the Independent Community Bankers of America and chair on the national agricultural committee.

Program and registration information is available from the Alger County MSU Extension office at 906-387-2530 or email msue.alger@county.msu.edu. The cost, which includes lunch and materials, is \$25 for pre-registration or \$35 at the door. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by calling 906-387-2530 at least one week prior to March 6, 2012.

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For more information, please e-mail me at rbrubacker@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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